

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION  
JUNE 7, 2010**

**7:08 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

***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 7:08 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow and Mr. Steele. Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Lacey were absent. Mr. Polizzi and Mr. Sawicz were also present. Student Board Representative Nicholas Borner was absent.

*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.*

**PRESENTATIONS**    *The following presentations were made:*

Staff Recognition:

- **2010 Governor's Teacher Recognition Honorees**  
*Brian Gere – Berkley Street Elementary School*  
*Roberta Mayer – B. F. Gibbs Elementary School*  
*Susan McCarthy – David E. Owens Middle School*  
*Greg Kelly – New Milford High School*
  
- **Retirees for Years of Dedicated Service to New Milford Public Schools**  
*James G. Carr                      Faye Consentino                      Amalia M. Solimano*

Student Recognition:

- **2010 New Jersey Governor's School Honoree**  
*Eileen Gongon – School in the Sciences*
  
- **Holocaust Trip Presentation**  
*Mrs. Colleen Tambuscio*  
*Matthew Bachmann                      Matthew Berner                      Timothy Gilmour*  
*Rebecca McCarten                      Erin Novak                      Nicholas Robalino*
  
- **Celebrate New Jersey Writing Contest Winners**  
*Berkley School: Alisa Kuchmak                      Gibbs School: Olivia Swanson*  
*Michelle Sydoruk                      Kelli Braun*  
*Alyssa Unciano                      Vanessa Bell*  
*Thomas Robalino*
  
- **Bergen County Small Schools Boys Tennis Co-Champions**  
**and BCSL Olympic Division Boys Tennis Co-Champions**  
*Coach Joe Ricciardelli                      Coach Nick Savastano*  
*Jereemae Caylao                      Ed Eglence                      Anthony Karalian*  
*Lakshya Keshwani                      Eric Mastrotto                      Andrew Pierce*  
*Bo Gumalo                      Francis-Rey Montecillo                      Kirk Reyes*

President Conner proposed a fifteen minute break for refreshments and personal greetings at 7:42 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:57 p.m.

### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A review of the tentative agenda for the June 21, 2010 Regular Meeting was held; there were no questions regarding the agenda.

### **Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda**

On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public for items pertaining to the agenda at 7:58 p.m. There were no questions from the public; therefore, on motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS** Michael Polizzi

Mr. Polizzi spoke of the following:

- All students who were rescored by the Alternate High School Assessment were determined to be eligible to graduate.
- The Junior National Honor Society has been brought back to the Middle School after nine years; 47 students were inducted.
- The Commissioner of Education officially designated the New Milford School district as “high performing” as part of this year’s QSAC Review.
- It should be noted that Personnel item P21 should reflect that Ruth Beiner will be transferred to Berkley, **not** Gibbs.
- Ascension School will be closing. The District had considered leasing space in the school; however, there has already been another offer to Ascension.
- A teacher from Gibbs has been hospitalized.

Mr. Foo asked if there was an update on the meeting with parents regarding the autism program. Mrs. McSweeney inquired about the QSAC. Mrs. Mechler asked for clarification regarding the transfer of the High School Family & Consumer Science teacher to Berkley School. Explanations were given by Mr. Polizzi to the Board’s satisfaction.

Mr. Raymond Dorso, Director of Special Services, gave a copy of the PowerPoint presentation on the autism program to the Board.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS** Michael Sawicz

Mr. Sawicz advised the Board of the following:

- The Auditor will perform a review of the current year finances. This will serve as the basis for Board action on the handling of the loss of State Aid and the transfer of monies to reserve accounts.
- Money for damage sustained from the April 2007 flood has been received from FEMA.
- The Finance Committee met prior to the Work Session.

### **BOARD ACTION**

Motion BA31 by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board:

BA31 Revision to title: Approval of resolution to adopt the ~~Flexible Benefits Plan~~ **New Milford Board of Education Cafeteria Plan**, eff. 7/1/10

### **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE** Lori Barton, Chair

Motion C5 by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board:

C5 Approval of 2009-2010 Scholarships Attachment

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** Lori Barton, Chair

Motions P21, P22, P23, P24, P25, P26 by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried on a roll call vote of 7-0:

P21 **Transfers for 2010-2011:**

Ruth Beiner	From: HS Family & Consumer Science
	To: <del>Gibbs</del> Berkley Elementary
Mouna Boutemine	From: MS Math
	To: HS Math
Jamie Bruno	From: HS Language Arts
	To: MS Language Arts
Megan Farricker	From: Gibbs Elementary
	To: Gibbs Special Education
Susan Grabowski	From: HS Math
	To: MS Math
Pamela Messina	From: MS Family & Consumer Science
	To: HS Family & Consumer Science

**PERSONNEL (con't):**

**P21 Transfers for 2010-2011 (con't):**

Kellie Muratore From: MS Language Arts  
 To: HS Language Arts  
 Nicole Vaccaro From: Gibbs Elementary  
 To: MS/Gibbs ESL  
 Maureen Westervelt From: Gibbs Special Education  
 To: HS Special Education

**P22 Certificated Appointments for 2010-2011:**

Carolyn McGrory HS English, BA Step 1, \$47,085, eff. 9/1/10-6/30/11  
 Jeanine Tricario Guidance Counselor, MA Step 3, \$49,965, eff. 9/1/10-6/30/11  
 Margaret Sullivan-Perez World Language, MA+30 Step 7 (.8), \$46,756, eff. 9/1/10-6/30/11

**P23 Request for Leave of Absence (Maternity):**

Lisette Morel HS Art teacher, eff. 9/1/10-12/31/10

**P24 Hourly Rate Employees for 2010-2011:**

Part-time Buildings and Grounds Staff

*Attachment*

**P25 Hourly Rate Employee for 2009-2010:**

Joanne Romano In-home coordination services for a home program, \$60/hr not to exceed 18 hours

**P26 Additional Substitute Teacher for 2009-2010**

*Attachment*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** *Peggy Saslow, Chair*

*Motions F26,F28,F29, F45 by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board:*

**F26 Revision to Professional Service for 2009-2010:**

Jill Sendik Speech-Language Therapist, ~~\$300~~ **\$350** p/evaluation, not to exceed 4 evaluations

**F28 Approval of Special Education tuition contract:**

Bergen County Special Services Student CP attending Nova, Emerson, eff. 5/17/10-6/30/10, \$6,708

**F29 Approval of Professional Service for 2009-2010:**

Kaitlin Gallagher ABA therapy, \$40/hr, 4 hrs per week, eff. 5/18/10-6/30/10

**F45 Approval to submit amended IDEA FY10 Grant due to carry-over and overpayment from FY09:**

Basic: \$206,527

Preschool: \$ 13,891

There were no Liaison/Committee Reports, additional Board items, old or new business, or Board Member requests for additional information.

**Open to the Public**

*On motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:16 p.m. The following comment was made:*

- Donna Colucci advised the Board of an incident involving her 6-year old daughter. There was confusion which resulted in her daughter being taken on a class trip in place of another little girl who was scheduled to go on the trip.

*There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:23 p.m.*

*Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. McSweeney, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into Closed Session at 8:24 p.m.*

*Motion by Vice President Drake., seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed Open Session at 9:11 p.m. There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at that time.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz  
 Board Secretary