

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2010**

**7:05 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 7:05 p.m. Present were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Lacey were absent. Also present were Mr. Polizzi and Mr. Sawicz. Student Board Representative Nicholas Borner arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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. McSweeney and Mrs. Mechler recused themselves from approving the April 13 minutes due to their absence from those meetings.

Motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the following minutes were approved:

April 13 Work	April 13 Closed	
April 27 Reorganization	April 27 Regular	April 27 Closed

Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda

On motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:07 p.m. There were no questions or comments; therefore, on motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. McSweeney, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi reported on the following:

- Recognition of teachers, students, and groups will take place at the June 7th meeting.
- There are some concerns over provisions of the "Race to the Top" grant
- The State Assembly is discussing moving control of local school districts to the Dept. of Education.
- As a result of the State re-evaluating graduation requirements, sixteen Seniors were identified as at risk to not graduate. After being retested, thirteen students have been rescored with eleven needing to be retested by June 2nd.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz spoke to the Board about the following:

- The Board Retreat is tentatively planned for the beginning of August.
- Mr. Sawicz spoke of the budget adjustment process and resubmission.
- Information regarding the Board's participation in the Memorial Day Parade will be forthcoming.
- New name plates are on order to reflect changes within the Board.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT *Nicholas Borner*

No Report.

BOARD ACTION

Motion BA32 by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board:

- BA32 Appointments effective 7/1/10:
 Affirmative Action Officer Louis Manuppelli
 Section 504 Officer Whitney Perro

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Lori Barton, Chair

Motions C3,C4 by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board:

- C3 Approval to accept NVE Bank's offer to award a \$500 Savings Product to a qualifying graduating 8th Grade student
 C4 Approval of additional field trips Attachment

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Lori Barton, Chair

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Motions P10,P15,P16,P17,P18,P19,P20 by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by a roll call vote of 7-0:

- P10 Revision to Tenured Cerrtificated Staff Appointments for 2010-2011:
 Remove: Louis Coco (will be listed as one-year contract)
- P15 Latchkey Appointments for 2010-2011:
 Francine Eagleson Latchkey Director, \$25,753.84, eff. 7/1/10-6/30/11
 Lynn LePage Latchkey Secretary, \$10,707.97, eff. 7/1/10-6/30/11
- P16 Approval of Hourly Rate Schedule for 2010-2011 Attachment
- P17 Hourly Rate Employees for 2010-2011:
ABA Therapists/Coordinator Attachment
Buildings & Grounds Summer 2010 Staff Attachment
Lunch Aides Attachment
- P18 Substitute Teachers for 2010-2011 Attachment
- P19 Additional ABA Instructor for 2009-2010:
 Kevin Flynn 2.5 hrs/day @ \$40.00/hr., eff. 5/19-6/23/10
- P20 Approval of Personnel Items for 2010-2011:
 Antonio Gaetano Reduction in force, eff. 6/30/10
 Randi Sarokoff Non-Renewal, eff. 6/30/10

FINANCE COMMITTEE Peggy Saslow, Chair

Motions F15,F16,F17,F18,F19,F20,F21,F22,F23,F24,F25,F26,F27 by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board:

- F15 Approval of Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for March 2010
- F16 Approval of April 2010 payroll: \$1,599,336.83
- F17 Approval of April 2010 payroll agency bills: \$ 676,028.49
- F18 Approval of May 2010 bills \$ 778,903.72 Attachment
- F19 Approval of cafeteria bills for February 2010 \$ 54,448.97
- F20 Approval of April 2010 budget transfers Attachment
- F21 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): April 30, 2010.
- F22 Approval of Latchkey budget and tuition rates for 2010-2011 Attachment
- F23 Approval of Performing Arts Summer Camp 2010 budget and rates Attachment
- F24 Approval of Special Education tuition contracts:
 Bergen Center for Child Development, Inc. Student MP attending 5/3/10-6/30/10, \$8,210
- F25 Approval of Professional Development Opportunities Attachment
- F26 Approval of Professional Services for 2009-2010:
 Jill Sendik Speech-Language Therapist, \$300 p/evaluation, not to exceed 4 evaluations
 Educational Enterprises Training for augmentative device, scheduled for 6/17/10
 2-hr. training @\$135/hr, for a total of \$270
- F27 Approval of Resolution regarding adjustments in the 2010-2011 budget Attachment

FACILITIES COMMITTEE Theresa Lacey, Chair

Motions FA3,FA4,FA5 by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board:

- FA3 Approval of fire drill log for April 2010 Attachment
- FA4 Approval to dispose of 14 obsolete laptop computers from Latchkey Attachment
- FA5 Approval to dispose of broken fax machine in Central Office

POLICY COMMITTEE *Peggy Saslow, Chair*
First reading of the following Policy by Mrs. Saslow:
1110 Organizational Chart

Open to the Public

Motion by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. McSweeney, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:21 p.m. The following questions or comments were made:

- Karen Tyler voiced her concerns regarding issues. President Conner said he had no prior knowledge of the issues. Mr. Polizzi advised that all circumstances are taken seriously, addressed, and followed through.
- Many parents attended the meeting because of their concerns about the proposed autism program and lack of information about the program. Seven parents spoke about their children’s progress with the current program, specifically under the intervention of Behaviorist Randi Sarakoff who will be leaving the district. They supported Ms. Sarakoff whom they trust and feel has made a tremendous difference in their children’s development. They ask that her employment is reconsidered. *(Due to confidentiality, names of the parents will not be made public.)*

There being no further questions or comments from the public, on motion by Mr. Foo., seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Saslow spoke about bills currently being discussed by the State Assembly which would allow the County to take over schools resulting in no local rule. In addition, a federal Senate bill is also being discussed which may possibly save education positions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

On motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Steele., carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed Open Session at 9:37 p.m. There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Foo, the meeting adjourned at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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