

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

**7:14 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

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 7:14 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Barton, Mr. Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Saslow and Mr. Steele. Mrs. Mechler was absent. Mr. Polizzi, Mr. Sawicz were also present. Mr. Picardo and Student Board Representative Nicholas were 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.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the finances.

A review of the tentative agenda for the November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting was held; the Board Members did not have any questions.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi had items to discuss during closed session, but spoke of the following topics:

- New teachers were interviewed for the school news flyers. The common themes for their interest in New Milford were smaller class size, diversity, parent involvement, and staff.

President Conner noted that sports teams' accomplishments are highlighted on Mr. Perrone's informational sheet. Mr. Drake asked about the administration of the H1N1 vaccine; he was advised that the date and location has been changed from November 14 at the High School to November 15 at the Middle School. It is for both New Milford and River Edge, and there will be no cost for the inoculation.

President Conner also reported on the police emergency drill which took place at the High School on November 5; he proposed a resolution be approved commending the Police Chief.

He also advised that the next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. rather than December 21, the day of QSAC monitoring.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS *Joseph Picardo*

Mr. Picardo was not present.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz reviewed the following:

- The auditor will present the CAFR and audit findings at the November 23 Board meeting.
- Update on FEMA

LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Foo asked to set up a Technology Committee meeting on December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Saslow spoke about "Dollars and Sense". Vice President Barton added that membership requires a \$500 fee.
- Mrs. Lacey thanked Mr. Polizzi for trying to get buses for Jr. Football.

*On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 7:57 p.m.
On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Drake., carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 8:49 p.m.*

There was no further business, on motion by Mrs. Lacey, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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