

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 3, 2011**

**7:10 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 7:10 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Bigger, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Mr. Polizzi and Mr. Sawicz were also present. Mrs. Shanley and Student Board Representative Joseph DeGaetani 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 bills; there were no questions or comments.

The following questions were asked about the agenda for the October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting:

1. Mrs. Saslow asked about BA41 regarding Building Level Objective Attainment Reports for 2010-2011. Mr. Polizzi will provide these reports at the October 17th meeting.
2. Mr. Foo is happy to see there is revenue coming into the district through Special Education tuition from other districts. He also asked for details as to what constitutes an "evacuation drill" versus a fire drill.
3. Vice President Drake said it is good to see the upcoming field trips (C33-C35).

Motion by Mr. Bigger, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:15 p.m. There were no questions or comments; therefore, motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Michael Polizzi*

- Mr. Polizzi gave his report on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. There were several questions from Board members. Mr. Foo advised the summary sheet is incorrect. Vice President Drake said October is HIB Month, and Mr. Steele asked about the process of accumulating this information. Mrs. Mechler asked about the parents' reactions.
- Mr. Polizzi gave a presentation on the components of the new crest he developed. The Board made favorable comments. Borough Liaison Diego Robalino asked if it was trademarked.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS *Danielle Shanley*

No report.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

- Mr. Sawicz gave a report on the audit for 2010-2011. The district's auditor, Jeff Bliss, will give his full report at the November meeting. The field work and exit conference have been completed. The financial statements are good.
- Mr. Sawicz gave a recap of items discussed at the Facilities Committee meeting which was held prior to this meeting.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS *Joseph DeGaetani*

No report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE *Darren Drake, Chair*

Motion P102 by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by a roll call vote of 9-0:

P102 **Request for Leave of Absence (Medical):**

Stacy Kaplan Gibbs teacher, eff. 10/12/11-6/30/12

FINANCE COMMITTEE *David Foo, Chair*

Motion F84 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board:

F84 Approval of Professional Development Opportunities

Attachment

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:52 p.m. The following question was asked:

- Diego Robalino had a question about P102 which was answered to his satisfaction.

There were no further questions or comments; therefore, motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:53 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the resumed open session at 8:25 p.m.

There being no further business, motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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