

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 12, 2009**

**7:05 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 7:05 p.m. Present at roll call were President Conner, Vice President Barton, Mr. Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow and Mr. Steele. Mrs. Lacey was absent. Mr. Polizzi, Mr. Sawicz, Mr. Picardo were also present.

*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. Mr. Foo thanked Mr. Sawicz for answering his questions prior to the meeting.

A review of the tentative agenda for the October 26, 2009 Regular Meeting was held; the Board Members did not have any questions.

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

Mr. Polizzi will defer most items to the October 26 Regular Meeting, however, he spoke of the following topics:

- A "Superintendent Council" has been established with twelve High School students participating. The first meeting focused on the students' experiences when transitioning from the Middle School to the High School.
- Environment Challenge grants received by the District
- The *College Now Academy Program* is going forward with a start date of October 13. Mrs. Mechler will attend the opening ceremony at Bergen Community College.

**DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION ITEMS**      *Joseph Picardo*

Mr. Picardo distributed and explained the following:

- NJ QSAC DPRs
- Violence and Vandalism Report for 2008-2009
- Building Level Objective Attainment Reports for 2008-2009
- School Goals for 2009-2010

Mr. Picardo and the Board reviewed the Governance section of the QSAC in depth.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS**      *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz reviewed the following:

- Mr. Sawicz informed the Board that the annual audit is currently being performed, and the field work is expected to be completed October 13.
- John Boreman, the Bergen County Dept. of Education Business Administrator, will be conducting a walk-through of the High School with Mr. Sawicz and Mr. Stokes for the health and safety requirements for the QSAC.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**      *Peggy Saslow, Chair*

*First reading of the following policies by Mrs. Saslow:*

|      |                                       |      |                                   |
|------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| 0143 | Board Member Election and Appointment | 6320 | Purchases Subject to Bid          |
| 0144 | Board Member Orientation              | 6832 | Conditions of Receiving State Aid |
| 0152 | Board Officers                        | 9541 | Student Teachers/Interns          |

**LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mrs. McSweeney asked if the “Sticks and Stones” program offered in the High School could also be presented in the Middle School; however, it is not appropriate for students under High School age.
- Mr. Steele had a question about an incident with a computer.
- Mrs. McSweeney asked if a reply to the letter to the County Planning Board regarding Madison Plaza had been received; there has been no response.
- Mrs. McSweeney also asked about the response to the letter to parents and guardians from the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission to collect information regarding vaccinations for the H1N1 influenza virus. She was advised that responses are sent back to the Board of Health by the parents.
- Mrs. Mechler said Mr. Sheninger is very computer literate and knowledgeable of available programs.

*On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Saslow, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 7:45 p.m.*

*On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 8:15 p.m.*

*There was no further business; therefore, on motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Vice President Barton, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz  
Board Secretary

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