

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2011**

**7:15 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 7:15 p.m. Present were President Conner, Vice President Drake, Mr. Bigger, Mr. Foo, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Saslow, and Mr. Steele. Also present were Mr. Polizzi, Mrs. Shanley, Mr. Sawicz, and Student Board Representative Joseph DeGaetani.

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:

Due to his absence at the meeting, Vice President Drake abstained from approving the September 19th minutes.

Motion by Mrs. McSweeney, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board, the following minutes were approved:

September 6 Work September 19 Regular

Open to the Public for Items on the Agenda

Motion by Vice President Drake, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 7:16 p.m.

There were no questions or comment; therefore, on motion by Mrs. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at that time.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi spoke to the Board of the following:

- The Edscape Conference, which was attended by many educators to learn new technology relating to teaching, was held in the High School on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Mr. Polizzi congratulated Messrs. Sheninger, Watson, and Wellhoefer for their efforts. All represented the district at the highest level. The event was covered by the media.
- Mr. Polizzi presented the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Report. There were five new cases, but only one met the criteria to be considered as an HIB incident.
- He reviewed the Professional Development Improvement Plan. The initial plan had been developed at the August Board Retreat in which goals were set by the Board and Administrators. Mr. Polizzi reviewed the goals.
- Mr. Polizzi reviewed the Violence and Vandalism Report.

Mr. Foo said Edscape was very informative; kudos to everyone.

He also asked if the accused person's parents are notified when there is a situation involving bullying; Mr. Polizzi advised they are.

Mr. Foo stated that both short term and long term goals in the facilities plan should be written and tracked for achievement.

Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Bigger said the fields at Berkley School are in terrible condition. Mr. Polizzi addressed what has and is continuing to be done to the grounds.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT *Joseph DeGaetani*

Student Board Representative Joseph DeGaetani said each High School grade is presently decorating their hallway for Spirit Week. The Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 22. All clubs and activities are up and running.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT *Danielle Shanley*

Mrs. Shanley gave a Power Point presentation on the Assessment Report for 2010-2011 and the Building Level Objective Attainment Reports for 2010-2011. She reviewed the HSPA and ASK scores and informed the Board that all four schools achieved AYP. An additional video was shown on the concepts for 21st Century education.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz reviewed the material for the Oct. 24-26 NJ School Boards Convention. Due to the length of this meeting, he will give his full report at the next meeting.

BOARD ACTION

Motions BA39,BA40,BA41,BA42,BA43 by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

- BA39 Acceptance of District Goals and Improvement Plans for 2011-2012
- BA40 Approval of Electronic Violence and Vandalism Report for 2010-2011
- BA41 Approval of Building Level Objective Attainment Reports for 2010-2011
- BA42 Approval of TSA Consulting (formerly known as Great American Plan Administrators) as plan administrator for 403(b) and 457(b) for 2011-2012, at no cost to the district.
- BA43 Resolution for the purpose of determining health care coverage, full-time status shall be defined as working 32 hours or more per week. Employees working less than 32 hours per week shall be classified as part-time and not entitled to health care benefits

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE *Peggy Saslow, Chair*

Motions C32,C33,C34,C35,C36,C38,C39,C40 (no C37) by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board:

- C32 Approval of Field Trips to Date *Attachment*
- C33 Approval of High School NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference, February 3-5, 2012, which is sponsored by the Elks, at no cost to the District under the direction of Colleen Tambuscio
- C34 Approval of High School Holocaust Study Tour 2012, March 24-April 7, 2012 under the direction of Colleen Tambuscio
- C35 Approval of Social Studies trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, March 15-16, 2012 under the direction of Colleen Tambuscio and David Wilson
- C36 Adoption of new K-12 911 curriculum into current course work in compliance with state mandates
- C38 Approval of Uniform Memorandum of Agreement 2011 Revisions
- C39 Approval to submit request to establish or eliminate a Special Education Program to Bergen County DOE:
 - Eliminate: Multiply Disabled Program at Berkley and DEO Middle School
 - Establish: Learning and/or Language Disability Program for self-contained classes at Berkley and DEO MS
- C40 High School Curriculum Guides:
 - Business Strategy
 - Honors Biology
 - College Preparatory Biology
 - College Preparatory Chemistry
 - Bioethics
 - Biotechnology
 - Digital Journalism
 - Digital Photography
 - Engineering and Design
 - Rock of Ages
 - Senior English Survey
- Middle School Curriculum Guides:
 - Art Grade 6
 - Art Grade 7
 - Art Grade 8
 - Life Science Grade 7
 - World Languages – Grade 7
 - World Cultures – Grade 7
 - Habits for Success – Grade 6
 - Habits for Success – Grade 7
 - Habits for Success – Grade 8
- Elementary Curriculum Guides:
 - Grade Kindergarten Science
 - Grade 2 Science
 - Grade 4 Science
 - Grade Kindergarten Mathematics
 - Grade 1 Mathematics
 - Grade 2 Mathematics
 - Grade 3 Mathematics
 - Grade 4 Mathematics
 - Grade 6 Mathematics
 - Grade 7 Mathematics

PERSONNEL (con't):

P118 **Rescind appointment of New Milford Knight School employee for 2011-2012:**

Michael Widmer Math and Science

P119 **Approval of Job Description:**

A P / Accounting Assistant

Attachment

FINANCE COMMITTEE David Foo, Chair

Motions F85, F86, F87, F88, F89, F90, F91, F92, F93, F94, F95, F96, F97, F98, F99, F100, F101, F102, F103 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board:

F85 Approval of August 2011 Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

F86 Approval of September 2011 payroll: \$ 1,513,363.24

F87 Approval of September 2011 payroll agency bills: \$ 638,509.45

F88 Approval of October 2011 bills: \$ 1,133,897.08

Attachment

F89 Approval of September 2011 budget transfers

Attachment

F90 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): September 30, 2011.

F91 Approval of 2011-2012 Special Education tuition contract for Teaneck student S.M. attending D. E. Owens Middle School, tuition in the amount of \$32,155, payable to New Milford Board of Education

F92 Approval of Special Education one-to-one aide for Teaneck student S.M. in the amount of \$16,774, payable to New Milford Board of Education for 2011-2012

F93 Approval of 2011-2012 Special Education tuition contracts for River Dell students M.R. and R.C. attending New Milford Knight School, tuition in the amount of \$15,500 per student, payable to the New Milford Board of Education

F94 Approval of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan FY 2011-2012 and Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1)

Attachments

F95 Acceptance of donations of musical instruments and supplies to D.E. Owens Middle School Music Dept., valued at \$6,803.00 through DonorsChoose.org

Attachment

F96 Acceptance of donation of one Amazon Kindle reader to the D.E. Owens Middle School, valued at \$114.99 and two Barnes & Noble gift cards at a value of \$25 each, from an anonymous donor

Attachment

F97 **Rescind approval of salary funded by Education Jobs Fund:**

~~John Ronan~~ total salary TBD, amount charged to grant \$77,074. Balance funded by local.

F98 **Approval of salary funded by Education Jobs Fund:**

Carl Scariati total salary TBD, amount charged to grant \$77,074. Balance funded by local.

F99 **Approval of Professional Service for 2011-2012:**

Miriam Skydell & Associates Occupational Therapy Services for non-public school students, 180 hours @ \$95 per hour, for a total of \$17,100

Alisa Broizman Speech and language services, 20 hrs/week @ \$45/hour

F100 Acceptance of donation of an Apple MacBook to D.E. Owens Middle School Music Dept., valued at \$899.00, through DonorsChoose.org

Attachment

F101 Acceptance of donations of various items to B.F. Gibbs School, valued at \$6,591.68, from the 2009-2011 Gibbs PTO Executive Board

Attachment

F102 Approval of September 2011 cafeteria bills: \$56,442.45

F103 Award of contract for a 2012 Type "C" 31-passenger school bus to Truck King International Sales and Truck Service, Inc. in a total contract amount of \$99,795

Attachment

FACILITIES COMMITTEE David Foo, Chair

Motion FA17 by Mr. Foo, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board:

FA17 Approval of Fire Drill Log, Security and Bus Drill for September 2011

Attachment

ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULUM COMMITTEE Peggy Saslow, Chair

President Conner thanked the volunteers and expressed his appreciation.

Motions AC22, AC23 by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board:

AC22 Approval of Shannon Astillero to volunteer her services as Girls' Tennis Coach

AC23 Approval of Joseph Ickles to volunteer his services as a Weight Room Coach

Open to the Public

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Bigger, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:54 p.m. The following questions or comments were made:

- Valerie Callegari said the field and grounds at Berkley School are a mess.
- Mary McElroy said the Edscape Conference was great. She also expressed her concern about the condition of the third floor bathroom at the High School, as well as the grounds at Berkley School.

There being no further questions or comments, on motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:57 p.m.

There were no committee/liaison reports or old business.

New Business:

Mrs. Ryan said the geese are a huge problem at the schools.

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Foo, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Vice President Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session at 9:20 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Ryan, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary

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