

**NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

**WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

**7:02 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 Vice President Barton at 7:02 p.m. Present at roll call were Vice President Barton, Mr. Drake, Mr. Foo, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. McSweeney, Mrs. Mechler, Mrs. Saslow and Mr. Steele. President Conner was absent. Mr. Polizzi, Mr. Sawicz, Mr. Picardo and Board Attorney Rodney Hara 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.

On motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 7:04 p.m. On motion by Mrs. Mechler, seconded by Mr. Drake, carried by consent of the Board, the meeting was opened at 8:35 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the bills. Mr. Foo had several questions that Mr. Sawicz responded to. A review of the agenda for the September 21, 2009 Regular Meeting was held.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ITEMS *Michael Polizzi*

Mr. Polizzi spoke of the following topics:

- School openings went very well.
- Grievance hearing
- H1N1 update
- September 11th commemorations
- Staffing
- NJ Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)

In addition, Mr. Polizzi spoke about recent newspaper articles highlighting New Milford; he also spoke of facilities and miscellaneous topics.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS *Michael Sawicz*

Mr. Sawicz reviewed the following:

- Elementary school roofs update
- Berkley field
- The auditors are scheduled to come in to perform the audit.
- Mr. Polizzi, Mr. Picardo and Mr. Sawicz will attend a QSAC meeting at the County Dept. of Education. Mr. Sawicz also thanked Anne Wilkins for all the work she did for QSAC.
- Transportation
- Committee Meetings

There were no committee/liaison reports, additional Board items, old business, new business, or Board Member requests. *On motion by Mrs. Saslow, seconded by Mrs. Mechler, carried by consent of the Board, the Board went into closed session at 9:10 p.m. On motion by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Steele, carried by consent of the Board, the Board resumed open session; and there being no further business, the Board adjourned the Work Session at 9:13 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Sawicz
Board Secretary