

NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING A G E N D A

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

7:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL BROADCAST

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.

Aligned with Frameworks for 21st Century Learning, the program is designed to prepare all students to meet or exceed state and national educational standards. Students will be prepared to think critically, master the challenges of life-long academic, cultural, social, economic, emotional and professional advancement, as well as participate constructively as citizens in an interdependent global society.

The District embraces family, faculty, 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.

New Milford District and Board Goals for 2020-2021

DISTRICT GOALS

1. To ensure optimal health and safety conditions, based on recommendations from NJ DOE's "The Road Back", by supporting the physical, mental, social and emotional factors that impact teaching and learning.
2. To advance student learning by gathering data through formative assessments that measure student understanding, and using that data to provide timely feedback and inform instruction.
3. To establish and maintain flexible learning environments by building teachers' capacity, through professional development, to redesign instruction and optimize learning through in-person, remote and/or hybrid models.
4. Develop a social justice framework that supports the cultivation of an educational community that respects diversity, equity and inclusion in practices, policies and procedures.

BOARD GOALS

1. To enable more effective Board Governance by creating a master schedule of board activities and training specific to Finance and Policy.
2. Achieve New Jersey School Board Master Board certification.
3. Continue communication and community engagement in district planning toward an emerging referendum.

Meeting called to order by Board President.

ROLL CALL President Andrews • Vice President Gomez • Mr. Albro • Ms. Dunne • Mr. Levine • Ms. McSweeney • Ms. O'Grady • Ms. Ryan • Mr. Steele

| | Tony Albro | Nicole Dunne | Jason Levine | Judith McSweeney | Laura O'Grady | Paige Ryan | Joseph Steele | Heather Gomez | Tonia Andrews |
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| Yes | | | | | | | | | |
| Absent | | | | | | | | | |

FLAG SALUTE

Pledge of Allegiance

BOARD STATEMENTS

In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the New Milford Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall and the New Milford Public Library. Notices have been sent to The Record and The Twin Boro News. The Board announces that under its long-standing policy, it will not discuss in public any comments made by members of the public concerning individual staff members.

At this time, please be advised that all cell phones and electronic devices are to be turned off.

Recommended Action:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____ Vote _____

Approval of Minutes:

- February 2 Work
- February 2 Closed

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

As outlined in New Milford Board of Education Bylaw #0167, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to two minutes.

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____ Vote _____ Open

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____ Vote _____ Close

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Paris DeLaCruz

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT Michael Polizzi

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT Lauren Odoksta

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Stephanie Kuchar

BOARD ACTION

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____ Vote _____

- BA92 Approval of January 2021 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report
- **BA93 Approval of Revisions to Appendix N, "Scheduling of Students", of the New Milford Public School District Restart and Recovery Plan.
- **BA94 Approval of Receiving Special Education tuition rates for 2021-2022:
 - Extended School Year \$ 4,195
 - IBC Program \$44,800
 - LLD Program \$44,800
 - MD Program \$44,800
 - Transition Program \$44,800
 - Knight Program \$39,800
 - Wings Academy \$37,775
 - Additional cost for Aide: \$30,000
- **BA95 Approval of Disenrollment of Students:
 - DEO: Student #50007748
 - Berkley: Student #50007749
- **BA96 Approval of NMHS Spring 2021 Coaches' compensation for stipend payment as follows:
 - If a cancellation by the NJSIAA/BOE happens on or before 4/1/2021 = 1/3 stipend pay
 - If a cancellation by the NJSIAA/BOE happens on or before 4/30/2021 but after 4/1/2021 = 2/3 stipend pay
 - If a cancellation by the NJSIAA/BOE happens on or after 5/1/2021 = 100% stipend pay
- **BA97 Approval of School Year Calendar for 2021-2022 Attachment

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent

Motion by _____ Secoded by _____ Vote _____

- **P38 **Revision** to Bus Aide Appointment for 2020-2021, eff. 2/2/2021 retroactive:
 - Dolores Korzelius from: Substitute Bus Aide to: Bus Aide, Step 2
- P69 **Revision** to Approval of Request for Maternity Leave of Absence:
 - Heidi Haderthauer Music teacher, eff. 3/1/2021 ~~3/15/2021~~-6/30/2021
- P70 **Revision** to Approval of Certificated Staff Appointment for 2020-2021:
 - Justin Vitetta Leave Replacement Music Teacher, MA Step C prorated, eff. 3/1/2021 ~~3/15/2021~~-6/30/2021
- P79 **Revision** to Approval of Additional Extra Pay Position for 2020-2021:
 - NMHS: Hershey Groff Entrepreneurial Business Club (*prorated stipend \$608.80*)
- P91 **Revision** to Approval of Additional Extra Pay Positions for 2020-2021:
 - NMHS: Richard Smith Coding Club (*prorated stipend \$684.90*)
 - Lynne Torpie New Milford Speaks Out (*prorated stipend \$608.80*)

- **P93 Revision to Approval of Request for Leave of Absence in accordance with NJFLA regulations:
Employee ID #0178 eff. 2/1/2021-4/26/2021 **2/26/2021**
- **P96 Acceptance of Retirement, with regret:
Burton Bell Maintenance, eff. 6/30/2021
Barbara Collentine English Language Arts Teacher, eff. 6/30/2021
- **P97 Approval of Certificated Staff Appointment for 2020-2021:
Angela Midgette-David Special Education teacher, MA Step A prorated, eff. ~~TBD~~ **2/23/21-6/30/2021, pending-criminal history-clearance**
- **P98 Approval of Additional Coach Appointment for Winter 2020-2021:
Emily Summers Assistant Swim Coach
- **P99 Approval of Coach Appointments for Spring 2021:
Alyson Doherty Head Softball Coach
Jennifer Gandolfo Assistant Softball Coach
Caitlin Catalano Assistant Softball Coach
Keith Devereaux Head Baseball Coach
Walter Gonzales Assistant Baseball Coach
Sean Ryan Assistant Baseball Coach
Jeffrey Bliss Head Boys Outdoor Track Coach
John O’Hanlon Assistant Boys Outdoor Track Coach
Greg Kelly Head Girls Outdoor Track Coach
William Hartney Assistant Girls Outdoor Track Coach
Nick Barese Head Golf Coach
Christopher Addeo Head Boys Tennis Coach
Michael Baratta Assistant Boys Tennis Coach
- **P100 Approval of Job Description:
District Student Assistance Coordinator (formerly Substance Awareness Coordinator) *Attachment*
- **P101 Acceptance of Resignations:
Dulce Henriquez Instructional Assistant, eff. 2/19/2021
Armando Padron Special Education teacher, eff. 4/10/2021
- **P102 Approval of Additional Substitute Teacher for 2020-2021:
Maura Henyecz New Jersey Substitute Credential, eff. 2/17/2021

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| Yes | | | | | | | | | |
| No | | | | | | | | | |
| Abstain | | | | | | | | | |

FINANCE COMMITTEE Judith McSweeney, Chair

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

- F95 Approval of December 2020 Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports *Attachment*
- F96 Approval of January 2021 payroll: \$2,204,859.53
- F97 Approval of January 2021 payroll agency bills: \$1,006,226.13
- F98 Approval of February 2021 bills: \$1,039,109.70 *Attachment*
- F99 Approval of February 2021 cafeteria billing cycle: \$ 9,923.35
- F100 Approval of January 2021 budget transfer *Attachment*
- F101 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): January 31, 2021
- **F102 Approval of Bergen County Special Services School District to provide Augmentative/Alternative Communication for student #50006279, at a rate not to exceed \$1,485.00, effective 1/2021–6/2021.
- **F103 Approval of Bergen County Special Services School District to provide Speech Services for student #50006279, at a rate not to exceed \$2,625.00, effective 1/12/2021-6/30/2021.
- **F104 Approval of Special Education Sending Tuition Contracts for 2020-2021:

| School | Student# | Effective Dates | Tuition Amt. |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Bergen Windsor Academy | 50006442 | 1/5/21-6/30/21 | \$29,378.75 |

FACILITIES COMMITTEE Tonia Andrews, Chair

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

FA11 Approval of Security Drills for January 2021

ATHLETIC/CO-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE Heather Gomez, Chair

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

**AC10 Approval for Erin Bigger to volunteer her services as assistant softball coach for Spring 2021

LIAISON/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ Vote _____

**addition or revision to tentative agenda

Changes to agenda since distribution