

**New Milford Board of Education**  
**Meeting Motions and Minutes**  
**May 19, 2026**  
**Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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NEW MILFORD, CT

Present:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson Mrs. Sarah Herring, Secretary Mr. Dean Barile Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O'Brien Mr. Joseph Failla
Absent:	Mr. Eric Hansell, Vice Chairperson Mrs. Tammy McInerney, Assistant Secretary

Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kimberly Culkin, Director of Student Services Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Director of Technology Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Director of Facilities
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1.	A.	<b>Call to Order</b> Pledge of Allegiance The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Leslie Sarich, Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	<b>Call to Order</b> A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	A.	<b>Public Comment</b> There was none.	<b>Public Comment</b>
3.		<b>IDEAL STUDENT RECOGNITION: Sarah Noble Intermediate School</b>  Dr. Parlato stated she wanted to recognize orchestra students that exemplify our ideals of collaboration, focus, heart and creativity. The students recognized were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ela Perez Brito</li> <li>● Sophia Champe</li> <li>● Ryan Kerr</li> <li>● Lyah Lopez</li> <li>● Emmanuely Mendes</li> </ul>	<b>IDEAL STUDENT RECOGNITION: Sarah Noble Intermediate School</b>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hailey Pollack</li> <li>● Tynlan Tran</li> <li>● Georgia Vermillion</li> </ul>	
4.		<p><b>RETIREE RECOGNITION</b>  Dr. Parlato stated the retirees this year represent 235 years of teaching and educational experience. Dr. Parlato presented each retiree with a gift. Retirees included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kerri Adakonis</li> <li>● Judy Graboski</li> <li>● Tami Lee</li> <li>● Christy Martin</li> <li>● Pamela Mickewich</li> <li>● Deborah Murnan</li> <li>● Diane Pflomm</li> <li>● Zelia Schimanskey</li> <li>● Patrick Smith</li> </ul>	<b>RETIREE RECOGNITION</b>
5.		<p><b>PTO REPORT</b>  There was none.</p>	<b>PTO REPORT</b>
6.		<p><b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT</b>  There was none.</p>	<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT</b>
7.		<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  <b>Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</b>  <b>1. Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026</b></p> <p><i>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026. Seconded by Mr. McCauley. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  <b>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</b>  <b>1. Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
8.		<p><b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>  Dr. Parlato stated she was grateful for the support of the 26/27 budget. It gives an opportunity to hire candidates before the summer break. Students' last day is June 19th and teachers' last day is June 22nd.</p>	<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>

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9.	<p><b>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b> Mrs. Sarich thanked the community for supporting the budget. Graduation is June 13th at 10:00am at the New Milford High School.</p>	<p><b>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p>
10.	<p><b>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT’S</b>  <b>A. Policy</b>  <i>No report, Mrs. McNerney was not present, and the 5/5/26 meeting was cancelled.</i>  <b>B. Committee on Learning</b>  <i>No report, the 5/5/26 meeting was cancelled.</i>  <b>C. Facilities</b>            Mr. O’Brien stated the facilities items will be discussed, including the Capital Reserve projects.  <b>D. Operations</b>            Mrs. Faulenbach stated the operations items are on the agenda for discussion.</p>	<p><b>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT’S</b>  <b>A. Policy</b>   <b>B. Committee on Learning</b>   <b>C. Facilities</b>   <b>D. Operations</b></p>

11.	<p><b>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</b></p> <p><b>A. Monthly Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Budget Position dated April 30, 2026</b></li> <li>2. <b>Purchase Resolution: D-806</b></li> <li>3. <b>Request for Budget Transfers</b></li> </ol> <p>No discussion.</p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the Budget Position dated April 30, 2026; Purchase Resolution D-806; and Request for Budget Transfers. Seconded by Mr. Barile. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p><b>B. 26/27 Phase of the 5 Year Capital Plan</b></p> <p>Mr. Cunningham stated the facilities projects include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replace two tractors with a new skid steer</li> </ul>	<p><b>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</b></p> <p><b>A. Monthly Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Budget Position dated April 30, 2026</b></li> <li>2. <b>Purchase Resolution: D-806</b></li> <li>3. <b>Request for Budget Transfers</b></li> </ol> <p>Motion made to approve the Budget Position dated April 30, 2026; Revised Purchase Resolution D-806; and Request for Budget Transfers. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>B. 26/27 Phase of the 5 Year Capital Plan</b></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sidewalk repairs</li> <li>- Farmhouse window replacement</li> <li>- Central office phase 1 and 2</li> <li>- Hill and Plain facility condition assessment</li> <li>- New Milford High School barn A&amp;E</li> <li>- New Milford High School culinary classroom A&amp;E</li> <li>- New Milford High School auxiliary gym floor refinishing</li> <li>- Northville Elementary School HVAC improvements</li> <li>- Sarah Noble Intermediate School floor tile replacement</li> <li>- Schaghticoke Middle School bleacher replacement</li> <li>- Schaghticoke Middle School elevator modernization</li> <li>- Schaghticoke Middle School HVAC improvements</li> <li>- Schaghticoke Middle School area of refuge in the stairwells</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Barile asked if the Larson barn floor was going to be replaced. Mr. Cunningham stated the project for the barn includes repairs in general to ensure safety, and noted the work might be done in-house. Mr. Barile asked if it would be more cost effective to replace the air handlers at the middle school than repair. Mr. Cunningham replied that the equipment handles large open spaces and he would be willing to look into all options, but noted that some schools do not have A/C at all and he has to prioritize.</p> <p>Mr. Failla asked if it was worth putting a large dollar amount into the barn for storage. Mr. Cunningham explained the goal is to prevent disrepair of the barn and to consider storage needs for the high school.</p> <p>Mr. Failla reiterated his discomfort with the amount of the expenditure from the Capital Reserve. Mrs. Faulenbach clarified that these projects are earmarked to prevent disrepair and that the year-end balance will replenish the reserve.</p>	
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		<p>Mr. Barile inquired about the current year-end balance. Dr. Parlato stated the district is 97.25% expended, and after the ESG payment, 2% set aside repayment, and turf field payment, the remainder will go into Capital Reserve.</p> <p>Mr. O'Brien noted that the buildings are aging and the district must prioritize essential maintenance, such as the middle school elevator. He also commended Mr. Turner for cost-effective technology upgrades.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach agreed with the concerns about the amount of the proposed expenditure and emphasized the importance of discussing contributions with and from the town. She noted that these capital reserve funds are already appropriated and do not represent an additional cost to taxpayers.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Herring moved to approve the 26/27 Phase of the 5 Year Capital Plan. Seconded by Mr. McCauley. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p>Motion made to approve the 26/27 Phase of the 5 Year Capital Plan. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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<p>12.</p>	<p>A.</p> <p>B.</p> <p>C.</p>	<p><b>ITEMS OF INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>Employment Report - May 2026</b> Dr. Parlato stated there are few resignations. With an approved budget the district can backfill open positions. Mrs. Herring asked how many positions were affected with the reductions in force. Dr. Parlato stated there were 2 at the secondary level and 4 at the K-5 level.</p> <p><b>Enrollment Report - May 2026</b> Dr. Parlato stated the report is in line with projection.</p> <p><b>April Fundraising Report</b> No discussion.</p>	<p><b>ITEMS OF INFORMATION</b></p> <p><b>A. Employment Report - May 2026</b></p> <p><b>B. Enrollment Report - May 2026</b></p> <p><b>C. April Fundraising Report</b></p>
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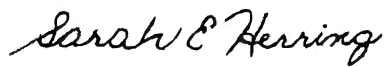
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	<p><b>D. Field Trip Report</b> No discussion.</p>	<p><b>D. Field Trip Report</b></p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><b><u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed memorandum of agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the CEA-New Milford regarding extra-curricular stipends. Executive session anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</b></p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley moved the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding proposed memorandum of agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the CEA-New Milford regarding extra-curricular stipends and invited Superintendent Janet Parlato into the executive session. Seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>The Board entered Executive Session at 7:32pm.</i></p> <p><i>The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:45pm.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Herring moved that the Board execute the proposed memorandum of agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the CEA-New Milford regarding extra-curricular stipends and to authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the memorandum of agreement pending any necessary further review. Seconded by Mr. McCauley. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Parlato thanked Cara Abraham, Alessandro Amenta and Ginny Landgrebe for their hard work in</i></p>	<p><b><u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed memorandum of agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the CEA-New Milford regarding extra-curricular stipends. Executive session anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</b></p> <p>Motion made for the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding proposed memorandum of agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the CEA-New Milford regarding extra-curricular stipends and invited Superintendent Janet Parlato into the executive session. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Motion made for the Board to execute the proposed memorandum of agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the CEA-New Milford regarding extra-curricular stipends and to authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the memorandum of agreement pending any necessary further</p>

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		helping move this forward, as well as Ms. Hollander.	review. Motion passed unanimously.
14.		<b>ADJOURN</b> <i>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. McCauley. Vote passed unanimously.</i>	<b>ADJOURN</b> Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Sarah Herring  
 Secretary  
 New Milford Board of Education