

**New Milford Board of Education
Board Workshop Minutes
November 20, 2018
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairperson Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. Bill Dahl Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mrs. Eileen P. Monaghan Mr. J.T. Schemm	RECEIVED TOWN CLERK 2018 NOV 26 A 10:20 CT
Absent:	Mr. Joseph Failla	

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Also Present:	Dr. Stephen Tracy, Interim Superintendent of Schools Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Operations and Fiscal Services Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mrs. Anne Bilko, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal
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1.	Call to Order	Call to Order
A.	Pledge of Allegiance	A. Pledge of Allegiance
	The Board Workshop of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Lawson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	
2.	Presentation	Presentation
A.	District Enrollment and Staffing	A. District Enrollment and Staffing
	- Ms. Baldelli said this is the second year of this report to the Board. Enrollment figures are taken from October 2018. Staffing is as up-to-date as can be captured at this time. The report looks at actual versus projections and year to year changes. - Ms. Baldelli says the report shows that enrollment is still declining and it reflects the	

	staffing changes that have been made as a result. • Mrs. McInerney noted that there is a decline in enrollment K-5 but overall special education staffing is up. Ms. Baldelli said that is a result of student needs; staff is moved where they are most needed. • Mr. Dahl asked why the psychologist's time was less at HPS than at NES. Ms. Baldelli said that was based on enrollment and student needs. • Ms. Baldelli said at the middle and high school, data is provided on class sizes as well. • Mrs. Chastain asked why there were double the number of sections for Grade 6 ELA and Writing. Ms. DiCorpo said the topics have been separated out this year for the first time. • Mrs. Chastain asked what percentage of high school students take SAT Prep. Ms. Baldelli said she would get that information. • Ms. Baldelli pointed out the decrease in staffing at LHTC on the district staffing slide. She said that was due to decreased enrollment in that program. • Mrs. Chastain asked when the last enrollment study was done. Ms. Baldelli said in 2014. • Mrs. Faulenbach says this report continues to show that actual enrollment is clearly declining from the district's high in 2008 of approximately 5300 students. • Mr. Dahl asked if there were any statistics on private school and home schooled students. Ms. DiCorpo said she has some information on home schooled students whom parents report but they are not obligated to do so. Mr. Dahl said he asked due to the impact they would have on the budget if they all returned to New Milford schools. • Mrs. Chastain asked if there is any way to capture a student who never comes to school. Ms. DiCorpo said there is not, it is up to the	
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	parent to come forward as that is not under the district's control. • Mrs. Monaghan asked if New Milford issues diplomas to home schooled students. Ms. DiCorpo said no, because they are not enrolled in our schools. • Mr. Schemm said in looking at actuals versus projected, the model is working well. He said there may be implications going forward with some enrollment bands, for example grades 6 to 8. If you add in the Sherman influx in grade 9, there could be a bump there for future staffing. • Mrs. Faulenbach noted that kindergarten numbers are the most volatile. • Mr. Schemm said he found the section numbers difficult to match up to staffing without the backup data. Ms. Baldelli said she would provide that. He said he was specifically looking at the sections with very low numbers and whether or not they should run. • Mrs. Faulenbach said the last slide clearly shows the staffing reductions due to enrollment and said it was interesting to note. • Mr. Lawson said if members had any other questions after reflection, they should address them to the Superintendent's Office. • Dr. Tracy thanked Ms. Baldelli for this critical information and for all the work she has done. Ms. Baldelli said it was a team effort.	
3.	Adjourn Mrs. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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