

**New Milford Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2016  
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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| <b>Present:</b> | Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairman<br>Mr. Robert Coppola<br>Mr. Bill Dahl<br>Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach<br>Mr. Dave Littlefield<br>Mr. Brian McCauley<br>Mrs. Tammy McInerney<br>Mr. J.T. Schemm |
| <b>Absent:</b>  | Mrs. Angela Chastain                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Also Present:</b> | Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools<br>Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent of Schools<br>Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations<br>Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology<br>Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services<br>Mr. Kevin Munrett, Facilities Manager<br>Mr. Greg Shugrue, New Milford High School Principal<br>Dr. Christopher Longo, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal<br>Mrs. Anne Bilko, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal<br>Dr. Len Tomasello, Schaghticoke Transition Administrator<br>Ms. Kendall Stewart, Student Representative<br>Mr. Gregory Winkelstern, Student Representative |
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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Call to Order</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Call to Order</b>                                    |
| <b>A.</b> | <b>Pledge of Allegiance</b><br><br>The regular meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.  | <b>A. Pledge of Allegiance</b>                          |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Recognition</b>                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Recognition</b>                                      |
| <b>A.</b> | <b>Peace Poster Contest: SMS student Kara Murphy</b><br><br>• Mr. Smith invited Dr. Tomasello and Dr. Longo forward to recognize Kara Murphy. Ms. Murphy explained what her poster represented. | <b>A. Peace Poster Contest: SMS student Kara Murphy</b> |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>NMPS Retirees: Monique Gil-Rogers, Lynn Holmes,</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>B. NMPS Retirees: Monique Gil-</b>                   |

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|                  | <p><b>Elizabeth Obstgarten and Roxanne Willoughby</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith acknowledged Ms. Rogers who is retiring after 24 ½ years in the district, Ms. Holmes for 30 plus years, Ms. Obstgarten with 24 years and Ms. Willoughby who has 12 years.</li> </ul> <p><b>C. CTAHPERD Outstanding New Professional Award: Deirdre Burke</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith recognized Ms. Burke who received the Connecticut Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance award for her exemplary contribution to the field.</li> </ul> <p><b>D. NMPS Stars of the Month: Karen Brenneke, Carrie Kelly, Jane Loormann, James Mattia, Anthony Nocera, Dyane Rizzo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith read a comment about each Star from the person who nominated them. They each received a pin recognizing their nomination and Mrs. Kelly was randomly selected to drive the Ingersoll Automotive Courtesy Car for the month.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting recessed at 7:42 p.m. for a short reception and reconvened at 7:49 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Rogers, Lynn Holmes, Elizabeth Obstgarten and Roxanne Willoughby</b></p> <p><b>C. CTAHPERD Outstanding New Professional Award: Deirdre Burke</b></p> <p><b>D. NMPS Stars of the Month: Karen Brenneke, Carrie Kelly, Jane Loormann, James Mattia, Anthony Nocera, Dyane Rizzo</b></p> |
| <p><b>3.</b></p> | <p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Barnes, a New Milford resident, noted the Board has always been diligent in researching changes and urged them to be diligent about the move from the Lillis Building. He said nothing has changed from past comments when the Board decided not to move other than money being offered from the Mayor. He said the cost to move to John Pettibone keeps rising from under \$100,000 to \$225,000 and now \$250,000 more. He said East Street can be made ADA compliant. He said Pettibone has no A/C in some areas and no hot water in some areas. He noted that the</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Public Comment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|           | <p>Board took three years to study the closure of Pettibone with a devastating effect at the polls. He felt the townspeople should be able to voice an opinion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Mullen, a New Milford resident, congratulated the new Board officers and thanked the Board for their service. He said the Board answers to and needs to be concerned with the welfare of the taxpayers and the children. He said growing the government footprint is never a good use of taxpayer money. He wondered how moving the administrative department would benefit the children. He read the draft MOU and said it is now adding \$600,000 to the Mayor's numbers. He said part of the money is to come from the sale of East Street which has not happened. He also said the sale of Pettibone could have a significant impact on the tax impact and tax relief. He said the Mayor and Director of Finance are being accused of misappropriating money and he suggested the Board members table the discussion of the lease until that issue is settled.</li> <li>• MaryJane Lundgren, a New Milford resident, thanked the Board for their service to the community. She urged the Board to make the move to Pettibone. She said she went to East Street over 50 years ago as a freshman and it was in bad shape then. It is still in bad shape with ADA compliance issues, a cracking foundation and roof problems. She also said there is a lot of misinformation being spread.</li> <li>• Kris Stewart, a New Milford resident, noted there seems to not be a lot of support for the move to Pettibone but she felt it was a good idea. She said people come to New Milford because of the good education and the good facilities. She asked why the Board has had to deal with this issue for so long.</li> </ul> |                   |
| <b>4.</b> | <p><b>PTO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathleen Lewis said Scholastic book fairs were</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>PTO Report</b> |

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|           | <p>held in all the K-5 schools last week. The K-5 schools are also sponsoring holiday shops where the students can shop for family members at reasonable prices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schaghticoke's Crane-a-thon will be wrapping up this Thursday. The cranes will be displayed in local hospitals for the holidays.</li> <li>• They are also sponsoring a Star Wars movie day at Bank Street this weekend.</li> <li>• Overall the PTO is happy with the new photography company, Lifetouch. All the student and staff pictures have been taken. They will start to visit the schools to take candid photographs for the yearbooks.</li> <li>• Grad Party will continue to raise funds for the big celebration in June. They are always looking for volunteers and donations.</li> <li>• The PTO would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a very healthy and happy New Year.</li> </ul> |                                               |
| <b>5.</b> | <p><b>Student Representatives' Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a concert for jazz band and orchestra on December 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• The chorus concert will be December 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• As of this meeting there are seven days until Christmas break.</li> <li>• Musical auditions for Mary Poppins were held and rehearsals will start soon.</li> <li>• Winter athletics started December 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• The French Honor Society held its annual Star Project where students bought books and boots for kids in need.</li> <li>• The National Honor Society held a Thanksgiving Food Drive and will be working with the Key Club on a pajama drive.</li> <li>• January 19<sup>th</sup> is the incoming freshman class orientation for the class of 2021.</li> <li>• The student wished all Happy Holidays!</li> </ul>                               | <p><b>Student Representatives' Report</b></p> |

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| <p>6.</p> <p>A.</p> | <p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes November 8, 2016</p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes November 8, 2016</p> <p>Seconded by Mr. Dahl.</p> <p>The motion passed 7-0-1.</p> <p>Aye: Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Schemm, Mr. Dahl, Mr. McCauley, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Coppola</p> <p>Abstain: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes November 16, 2016</p> <p>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes November 16, 2016</p> <p>Seconded by Mr. Schemm and passed unanimously.</p> | <p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p><b>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes November 8, 2016</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes November 8, 2016</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes November 16, 2016</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes November 16, 2016</p> |
| <p>7.</p>           | <p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith said they are polling for possible dates for the next opportunity to meet with Mr. Caruso.</li> <li>He said there were many winter concerts and community service projects and he thanked all for their time and dedication to make these happen.</li> <li>Last week Mr. Schemm and Mr. Smith attended a legislative breakfast where they had a chance to talk about mandates, the rising costs of education and the lack of local controls.</li> <li>He is working on next year's meeting schedule and will have a draft within the next eight weeks.</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | <p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This week there is a mandatory five-year radon test ongoing in the buildings.</li> <li>• As this was the last meeting for 2016 Mr. Smith thanked all for their hard work.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                |
| <b>8.</b> | <b>Board Chairman's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawson said there will probably be one or more workshops to discuss Board goals.</li> <li>• He distributed the committee and liaison request sheet noting that there is the addition of an ad hoc committee for Superintendent evaluation. He thanked the Board for its support in reelecting him as Chair.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Board Chairman's Report</b>                                                 |
| <b>9.</b> | <b>Committee and Liaison Reports</b> <p><b>A. Facilities Sub-Committee – Mr. Coppola</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Coppola said the Facilities Committee met last week and the agenda included the RFP for East Street as well as the MOU for Pettibone. He handed out the answers to questions from the Mayor's visit to the committee on September 6<sup>th</sup> regarding Pettibone.</li> <li>• He said there are three areas of concern: the cost to move, what the Board will be responsible for, and the lease. He said this item has been talked about in September, October, November and December. He noted this move was not the Board's idea.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach asked why the document with the answers was handed out and Mr. Coppola said some people said they were not aware of it.</li> <li>• Mr. Coppola noted the roof at Schaghticoke is done and the chiller is in and will be tested in the spring when weather allows.</li> <li>• The capital budget draft has been prepared but is flexible.</li> <li>• Parking at Northville is apparently an issue to be looked at.</li> <li>• The turf fields are done as is the facility donated</li> </ul> | <b>Committee and Liaison Reports</b> <p><b>A. Facilities Sub-Committee</b></p> |

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|           | <p>to store equipment for the fields.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The solar panel conversion project has been discussed but there is nothing to send to the Board yet.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach asked about the capital plan and wondered if the Board would vote on it and Mr. Coppola said only during the budget deliberations.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                    |
| <b>B.</b> | <p><b>Operations Sub-Committee – Mrs. Faulenbach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach said they heard presentations regarding outsourcing the substitute teacher staffing.</li> <li>• The usual exhibits were discussed and are on the agenda tonight as well as gifts and donations.</li> <li>• The proposed tutor rate was discussed and is on the agenda tonight.</li> <li>• There was an opportunity to discuss the 2017-18 budget.</li> <li>• Mrs. McInerney asked about the substitute paraeducators wage increase and Mr. Smith said that has been tabled until they get a comprehensive plan.</li> </ul> | <b>B. Operations Sub-Committee</b> |
| <b>C.</b> | <p><b>Policy Sub-Committee – Mr. Schemm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Schemm said there are two policies on the agenda for approval this evening including 9320 which has two options for when to start with the change.</li> <li>• Mr. Schemm thanked the Policy Committee members.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>C. Policy Sub-Committee</b>     |
| <b>D.</b> | <p><b>Committee on Learning – Mr. Dahl</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dahl said curriculum is the heart and soul of education and said he reads all the curriculum and finds them to be top notch.</li> <li>• He said there were two new AP courses for approval: AP Environmental Science and Human Geography.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>D. Committee on Learning</b>    |

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| <p><b>E.</b></p> <p><b>F.</b></p> <p><b>G.</b></p> <p><b>H.</b></p> | <p><b>EdAdvance – Mr. Coppola</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Coppola said Mr. Smith and Mr. Schemm went to the legislative breakfast sponsored by EdAdvance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE) – Mr. Coppola</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Coppola said Mr. Dahl, Mr. Smith and he went to the convention. Mr. Coppola also sat on the representative assembly. The big issue is funding including special education funding.</li> <li>Mr. Coppola said the author Tony Wagner was the keynote speaker and he spoke about the fact that the 20th century model is not working in the 21st century.</li> </ul> <p><b>Negotiations Committee – Mrs. Faulenbach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Faulenbach said there is one contract on the agenda for approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Magnet School – Mr. Schemm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Schemm said there was no meeting in December.</li> </ul> | <p><b>E. EdAdvance</b></p> <p><b>F. Connecticut Boards of Education (CABE)</b></p> <p><b>G. Negotiations Committee</b></p> <p><b>H. Magnet School</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>10.</b></p> <p><b>A.</b></p>                                  | <p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated December 13, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Coppola moved to approve Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of December 13, 2016, seconded by Mr. Dahl.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated December 13, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence as of December 13, 2016.</b></p> |



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|  | <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>B. Monthly Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Budget Position dated 11/30/16</li> <li>2. Purchase Resolutions: D-693</li> <li>3. Request for Budget Transfers</li> </ol> <p><b>Mr. McCauley moved to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated November 30, 2016; Purchase Resolution D-693; and Request for Budget Transfers, seconded by Mrs. McInerney.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Littlefield asked why line 51240 for custodial salaries was in the red. Mr. Giovannone said there are three lines in the negative – custodians, technology and nurses. He said the timing of the report created the negative number because the lines go against available cash, not the encumbered amounts; they are liquidated to cover payroll actuals and so if the report ran today they would not be negative.</li> <li>• Mr. Coppola thanked Mr. Giovannone for the way he is handling transfers and how he explains everything.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>C. Gifts &amp; Donations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PTO-Exhibit B</li> </ol> <p><b>Mr. Dahl moved to accept Gifts and Donations: PTO - Exhibit B in the amount of \$1,225.00, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Coppola thanked the PTO for their continued support.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>D. Policies for Approval</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 5124 Reporting to Parents/Guardians – Report Cards</li> </ol> | <p><b>B. Monthly Reports</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Budget Position dated 11/30/16</li> <li>2. Purchase Resolutions: D-693</li> <li>3. Request for Budget Transfers</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated November 30, 2016; Purchase Resolution D-693; and Request for Budget Transfers.</b></p> <p><b>C. Gifts &amp; Donations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PTO-Exhibit B</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Gifts &amp; Donations: PTO-Exhibit B in the amount of \$1,225.00.</b></p> <p><b>D. Policies for Approval</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 5124 Reporting to Parents/Guardians – Report</li> </ol> |
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|                                             | <p><b>Cards</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Schemm moved to approve the following policy: 5124 Reporting to Parents/Guardians – Report Cards, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Dahl asked if someone had no computer how did they access online information. Mr. Smith said report cards are mailed home at the parents' request but acknowledged that people without computers or other internet access did miss out on some information.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>2. 9320 Meetings of the Board</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the following policy: 9320 Meetings of the Board with an effective date of July 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. Dahl.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Littlefield said this is a great idea and it makes sense to streamline the meetings but wondered why the Board would wait to start.</li> <li>• Mr. Schemm said compromise was needed.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach said this should be done at the beginning of the year so the public can get used to the idea.</li> <li>• Mr. Dahl said Mr. Coppola had another commitment on the third Tuesday and making this change right away would preclude him from coming to the meeting.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach said this decision is not personal and noted the change request was brought to the Board and was not asked for.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion passed 6-2.</b><br/>Aye: Mr. Schemm, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dahl,<br/>Mr. McCauley, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Coppola<br/>No: Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Faulenbach</p> | <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Policy 5124 Reporting to Parents/Guardians – Report Cards.</b></p> <p><b>2. 9320 Meetings of the Board</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed to approve Policy 9320 Meetings of the Board, with an effective date of July 1, 2017.</b></p> |
| <b>E. Approval of New Program or Course</b> | <b>1. AP Human Geography</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>E. Approval of New Program or Course</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|  | <p><b>2. AP Environmental Science</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the following New Courses:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. AP Human Geography</b></li> <li><b>2. AP Environmental Science</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Coppola said he was glad to see geography and STEM.</li> <li>• Mr. Schemm said it will be interesting to see how the students react to long division without a calculator.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>F. Approval of the Following Curricula</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Sixth Grade Digital Citizenship</b></li> <li><b>2. Seventh Grade Introduction to Computer Applications</b></li> <li><b>3. Eighth Grade Intermediate Computer Applications</b></li> <li><b>4. Introduction to Computer Programming</b></li> <li><b>5. AP Computer Science</b></li> <li><b>6. English I: CP and Honors</b></li> <li><b>7. English II: CP and Honors</b></li> <li><b>8. English III: CP and Honors</b></li> <li><b>9. Literature &amp; Media Studies</b></li> <li><b>10. Architectural Drafting I</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the following curricula:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Sixth Grade Digital Citizenship</b></li> <li><b>2. Seventh Grade Introduction to Computer Applications</b></li> <li><b>3. Eighth Grade Intermediate Computer Applications</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. AP Human Geography</b></li> <li><b>2. AP Environmental Science</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve New Courses: AP Human Geography and AP Environmental Science.</b></p> <p><b>F. Approval of the Following Curricula</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Sixth Grade Digital Citizenship</b></li> <li><b>2. Seventh Grade Introduction to Computer Applications</b></li> <li><b>3. Eighth Grade Intermediate Computer Applications</b></li> <li><b>4. Introduction to Computer Programming</b></li> <li><b>5. AP Computer Science</b></li> <li><b>6. English I: CP and Honors</b></li> <li><b>7. English II: CP and Honors</b></li> <li><b>8. English III: CP and Honors</b></li> <li><b>9. Literature &amp; Media Studies</b></li> <li><b>10. Architectural Drafting I</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following curricula:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Sixth Grade Digital Citizenship</b></li> <li><b>2. Seventh Grade Introduction to Computer Applications</b></li> </ol> |
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| <p>4. Introduction to Computer Programming<br/> 5. AP Computer Science<br/> 6. English I: CP and Honors<br/> 7. English II: CP and Honors<br/> 8. English III: CP and Honors<br/> 9. Literature &amp; Media Studies<br/> 10. Architectural Drafting I</p> <p>Seconded by Mrs. McInerney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Coppola said he liked the selections being offered and said it was good for kids to have courses like architectural drafting and intro to computers.</li> </ul> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>G. Tutor Rate</b></p> <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve the tutor rate of \$16.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>H. Textbook Approvals</b></p> <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve the following textbooks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Reading Children's Literature: A Critical Introduction</u> – Grade 12</li> <li><u>Essentials of Comparative Politics with Cases</u> – Grades 11-12</li> </ol> <p>Seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>I. East Street</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Street Lillis ADA Plan Bid</li> </ol> <p>Mr. Littlefield moved to award the bid for the East</p> | <p>3. Eighth Grade Intermediate Computer Applications<br/> 4. Introduction to Computer Programming<br/> 5. AP Computer Science<br/> 6. English I: CP and Honors<br/> 7. English II: CP and Honors<br/> 8. English III: CP and Honors<br/> 9. Literature &amp; Media Studies<br/> 10. Architectural Drafting I</p> <p><b>G. Tutor Rate</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the tutor rate of \$16.00 per hour effective July 1, 2017.</p> <p><b>H. Textbook Approvals</b></p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following textbooks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Reading Children's Literature: A Critical Introduction</u> – Grade 12</li> <li><u>Essentials of Comparative Politics with Cases</u> – Grades 11-12.</li> </ol> <p><b>I. East Street</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Street Lillis ADA Plan Bid</li> </ol> <p>Motion made and failed to award</p> |
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|  | <p><b>Street Lillis ADA Plan to KG&amp;D Architects for \$5,950.00 with the option for \$7,950.00 for additional assessments, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach asked if this was for both pieces of the bid and Mr. Lawson said there was an option for the second part.</li> <li>• Mr. Smith said the initial assessment was \$5,950.</li> <li>• Mrs. McNerney clarified that combined both parts would be about \$14,000.</li> <li>• Mr. Coppola said the research has been done and this assessment is not going to make the number any lower. This would be a waste of money.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach said she disagreed and that the Board has heard, through this process, that their staff was not qualified to give the information back to the Mayor. She felt the Board should welcome the information to explore the options.</li> <li>• Mrs. McNerney clarified that the intent of the bid is to gain an assessment of the costs and Mrs. Faulenbach agreed.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion failed 2-6.</b><br/> Aye: Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Faulenbach<br/> No: Mr. Schemm, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dahl, Mr. McCauley, Mrs. McNerney, Mr. Coppola</p> <p><b>J. Pickett District Property: Proposed Memorandum of Understanding</b></p> <p><b>Mr. McCauley moved that the Board of Education authorize its Chairman to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of New Milford and the New Milford Board of Education regarding use of the former John Pettibone School building located at 2 Pickett District Road, dated December 2016. [With date filled in once MOU is finalized.], seconded by Mr. Dahl.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach asked if the MOU was no longer a draft.</li> <li>• Mr. Littlefield asked if the intention was to move</li> </ul> | <p><b>the bid for the East Street Lillis ADA Plan to KG&amp;D Architects for \$5,950.00 with the option for \$7,950.00 for additional assessments.</b></p> <p><b>J. Pickett District Property: Proposed Memorandum of Understanding</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed that the Board of Education authorize its Chairman to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of New Milford and the New Milford Board of Education regarding use of the former John Pettibone School building located at 2 Pickett District Road, dated December 2016. [With date filled in once MOU is finalized.].</b></p> |
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|  | <p>forward with the MOU versus a lease. Mr. Lawson said this would be the agreement with conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Littlefield noted this agreement says non-binding and asked what would happen to the Board if the Town decided later on it had other plans for the building.</li><li>• Mr. Dahl said the agreement is non-binding until both parties agree.</li><li>• Mrs. Faulenbach cautioned the Board about entering into a 25-year agreement without counsel looking at the document. She also said counsel was not at this meeting tonight to advise. She noted the agreement does not mention the students and wondered how this was going to be funded if East Street doesn't sell right away. She also noted the sale of East Street would have to get Town Meeting approval.</li><li>• Mr. Coppola said if there was no money then this agreement would be null and void.</li><li>• Mr. Littlefield asked how the Board would move without the money. He also asked what the terms and conditions were for the lease.</li><li>• Mr. Lawson said prior to occupancy there would be a checklist of items.</li><li>• Mrs. Faulenbach pointed out that taxpayer money would already be spent and wondered what would happen to that money if the checklist was not met. She felt a committee should have been formed to discuss Pettibone. She also noted that the previous plan to do work at East Street was for a complete overhaul. This project now just calls for bringing the building up to ADA compliance. She said the current proposal now calls for spending \$120,000 just on electrical work at Pettibone. She also asked how funding would be found for the roof repair of \$1.4 million.</li><li>• Mr. Littlefield said he joined the Board to make improvements to education but the Board has now been discussing these buildings for three years.</li></ul> |  |
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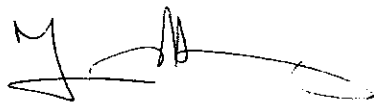
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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Coppola said the project should be completed by June of 2017.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach said East Street has been appraised at between \$1.6 to \$1.9 million while Pettibone has been appraised at between \$5 and \$11 million.</li> <li>• Mr. Schemm said he agreed with Mr. Littlefield about why he joined the Board and said that is why he will vote for this motion. He said this would put the Board in the position of supporting a larger community effort.</li> <li>• Mrs. McInerney said there has been no work done in over 10 years to make East Street ADA compliant and noted especially that to get to the Special Education office would require either an offsite meeting or having the person carried to the office.</li> <li>• Mrs. Faulenbach said the study could help determine what it would cost to get to ADA compliance and might prove more cost effective than the move to Pettibone.</li> </ul> <p><b>The motion passed 6-2.</b><br/> Aye: Mr. Schemm, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Dahl,<br/> Mr. McCauley, Mrs. McInerney, Mr. Coppola<br/> No: Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Faulenbach</p> |                                      |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Items of Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Items of Information</b>          |
| <b>A.</b>  | <b>Field Trip Report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>A. Field Trip Report</b>          |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Coppola said he was glad to see the trip planned for Boston and was very pleased to see the band marching down the streets of New York in the parade.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
| <b>B.</b>  | <b>Textbook Preview</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>B. Textbook Preview</b>           |
| <b>C.</b>  | <b>Input for 2017-2018 Budget</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>C. Input for 2017-2018 Budget</b> |
|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lawson said the Board members could offer input now and during the budget process.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                      |

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| <p>12.</p> <p>A.</p> | <p><b>Executive Session (anticipated)</b></p> <p><b>Discussion and possible action on a tentative agreement reached in negotiations between the New Milford Board of Education's negotiating team and the negotiating team for the paraeducators' union</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Dahl moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss a tentative agreement reached in negotiations between the New Milford Board of Education's negotiating team and the negotiating team for the paraeducators' union and to invite into the session Mr. Joshua Smith</b></p> <p><b>Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</b></p> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>The Board entered executive session at 9:18 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>The Board returned to public session at 9:35 p.m.</b></p> | <p><b>Executive Session (anticipated)</b></p> <p><b>A. Discussion and possible action on a tentative agreement reached in negotiations between the New Milford Board of Education's negotiating team and the negotiating team for the paraeducators' union</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board of Education enter into executive session to discuss a tentative agreement reached in negotiations between the New Milford Board of Education's negotiating team and the negotiating team for the paraeducators' union and to invite into the session Mr. Joshua Smith.</b></p> |
| <p>13.</p> <p>A.</p> | <p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union ("UPSEU"), representing the New Milford Board of Education Paraeducators, Local 424 – Unit 107</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Dahl moved that the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement for a successor collective bargaining agreement reached in negotiations between the New Milford Board of Education's negotiating team and the negotiating team for the New Milford Paraeducators, UPSEU,</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Discussion and Possible Action</b></p> <p><b>A. Approval of successor collective bargaining agreement between the New Milford Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union ("UPSEU"), representing the New Milford Board of Education Paraeducators, Local 424 – Unit 107</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement for a successor collective bargaining agreement reached in negotiations between the New</b></p>                                                                                           |



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|            | <p><b>Local 424 – Unit 107 as discussed in executive session and further moved that the Board delegate to the Chairperson of the Board the authority to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board</b></p> <p><b>Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</b></p> <p><b>The motion passed unanimously.</b></p> | <p><b>Milford Board of Education's negotiating team and the negotiating team for the New Milford Paraeducators, UPSEU, Local 424 – Unit 107 as discussed in executive session and further move that the Board delegate to the Chairperson of the Board the authority to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.</b></p> |
| <b>14.</b> | <p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Dahl moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><b>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Respectfully submitted:



Tammy McInerney  
Secretary  
New Milford Board of Education