

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2017
Sarah Noble Intermediate School – Library Media Center**

Present:	Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairperson Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. Robert Coppola Mr. Bill Dahl Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. J.T. Schemm (arrived at 3:55 p.m.)
Absent:	Mr. Dave Littlefield

Also Present:	Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Nick Caruso, CAFE Senior Staff Associate for Field Service
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1. A.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mr. Lawson.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment • There was none.	Public Comment
3. A.	Discussion CAFE Senior Staff Associate for Field Service Nick Caruso will facilitate discussion regarding Board roles, responsibilities and goal setting. • Mr. Caruso started the conversation by asking Board members what they hoped to accomplish as part of this meeting. Answers included brainstorming, a common focus for the future, sharing ways to make the district better, creating a foundation for future leadership, and an opportunity to set priorities. • Mr. Caruso led discussion on what constitutes student success, potential barriers to that achievement, and ways in which the Board can serve all students. What can the Board do for	Discussion A. CAFE Senior Staff Associate for Field Service Nick Caruso will facilitate discussion regarding Board roles, responsibilities and goal setting. RECEIVED TOWN CLERK 2017 JUL 20 P 1:04 FO NEW MILFORD, CT

	maximum impact? How can they communicate effectively and proactively both internally and with the community? • The Board reviewed a summary of previously submitted self-evaluation documents to identify strengths and areas for improvement. • Consensus was that, in the future, the Board would like to see a more formal orientation process and work on communication strategies and community engagement. • The session ended with a video explaining “Theories of Action” which will be a topic for the second day of the workshop on July 19.	
4.	Adjourn Mrs. McInerney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m., seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tammy McInerney
Secretary
New Milford Board of Education