

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2017
Sarah Noble Intermediate School – Library Media Center**

Present:	Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairperson Mrs. Angela C. Chastain (left at 4:53 p.m.) Mr. Robert Coppola Mr. Bill Dahl Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach (left at 4:53 p.m.) Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. J.T. Schemm
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 Board workshop special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Mr. Lawson. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence immediately followed the call to order.	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. Smith shared data with the Board to inform discussion and develop priorities for action. The presentation started with a review of the core beliefs imbedded in the last strategic plan. Mr. Smith then talked about the ways in which the district understands and responds to students. The learner is defined through academics, student aspiration and student belonging.	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: 05 FO NEW MILFORD, CT

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	• In the area of academics, the district looks at the State Accountability Index, other nationally normed assessments and district assessments. Student aspiration focuses on what happens after high school. Are students prepared for the future? In the area of student belonging, Mr. Smith shared school climate data. • Mr. Smith then shared four theories of action for the Board's consideration, as well as district initiatives that will support the work going forward. If the Board is in agreement, he plans to share the theories of action at the August administrative retreat before rolling them out to the entire district at convocation. Board members offered suggestions on slight changes to wording. • It was agreed to forward the theories of action to the August 1st Committee on Learning meeting so that they may be formally moved forward for Board adoption at the August 15th meeting. The theories of action will then be used as guidelines when developing a new strategic plan. • Mr. Lawson said it is his hope to have the new strategic plan in place by next summer.	
4.	Adjourn Mr. McCauley moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m., seconded by Mr. Coppola and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Tammy McInerney

Secretary

New Milford Board of Education