

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016
Lillis Administration Building – Board Room**

Present:	Mr. David A. Lawson, Chairperson Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. Robert Coppola Mr. Bill Dahl Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Dave Littlefield Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. J.T. Schemm
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Also Present:	Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources Attorney William Connon, Pullman & Comley LLC
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1.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 5:15 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.	Discussion and Possible Action A. Pending state court litigation re: BOE's application to vacate teacher work day grievance arbitration award Mr. Coppola made a motion that the New Milford Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss pending state court litigation re: the BOE's application to vacate the teacher work day grievance arbitration award and invite into the session Superintendent Smith and Attorney Connon.	Discussion and Possible Action A. Pending state court litigation re: BOE's application to vacate teacher work day grievance arbitration award Motion made, amended, and passed unanimously that the New Milford Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss pending state court litigation re: the BOE's application to vacate the

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	Seconded by Mr. Littlefield. Mrs. Chastain asked that the motion be amended to also invite Ms. Baldelli into the executive session. Mr. Coppola so moved, and Mr. Littlefield seconded. Motion as amended passed unanimously. The Board, Superintendent Smith, Ms. Baldelli and Attorney Connon entered executive session at 5:19 p.m. Attorney Connon left executive session at 7:03 p.m. and returned to executive session at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Lawson, Attorney Connon, Ms. Baldelli and Superintendent Smith left executive session at 8:22 p.m. and returned to executive session at 8:31 p.m. The Board returned to Public Session at 8:38 p.m. Mr. Lawson read a statement on behalf of the Board: “The Board has been briefed concerning pending litigation with the NMEA. In the interest of resolving our differences, and in response to the proposed MOA, we will seek to explore settlement options with the Union’s representatives.”	teacher work day grievance arbitration award and invite into the session Superintendent Smith, Ms. Baldelli and Attorney Connon.
4.	Adjourn Mr. Coppola moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.	Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Wendy Faulenbach

Secretary

New Milford Board of Education