

**New Milford Board of Education
Facilities Sub-Committee Minutes
October 11, 2022
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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- Mr. Cunningham said he had not heard that. They had a contractor the last time Mr. Cunningham had a meeting and he is not aware that that has changed.
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