

**New Milford Board of Education  
 Committee on Learning Meeting Minutes  
 April 4, 2023  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mrs. Tammy McInerney, Chairperson Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Brian McCauley	RECEIVED TOWN CLERK 2023 APR 13 A 8:21 THP
Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mrs. Colleen Jewell, ELL Coordinator Mrs. Claudia DeMoura, Head Teacher School Counseling, NMHS	NEW MILFORD, CT
Absent:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich	

1.	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education Committee on Learning was called to order at 7:30pm by Mrs. McInerney.	<b>Call to Order</b>
2.	<b>Public Comment</b>  none	<b>Public Comment</b>
3.  A.	<b>Items for Information and Discussion</b>  <b>Programming and Support for Multi-Language Learners (ELL)</b>  Ms. Hollander discussed her presentation ( <i>the entire presentation is attached</i> ).  Tonight's Topics:  1. Programming and Support for Multi-Language Learners (ELL) 2. Science of Reading Update 3. Summer School Update 4. Other Points of Information  During budget presentations, Ms. Hollander made a point to share ELL information. More and more students are coming from other districts and have been in the program long term, 5+ years. Ms. Hollander said they want to look at programming and keep a close eye on supporting ELLs and exiting them. The services are under Tier 1.	<b>Items for Information and Discussion</b>

	<p>The population is growing and there are long-term ELLs as Mrs. Jewell mentioned. Ms. Hollander says they are tracking ELLs through the year, usually in October and February, to see where they are, and the trend is moving up about 7%. It is not as simple as it may look. The common language is Spanish followed by Portuguese. Ms. Hollander said it is moving up at a steady rate and she'd rather be proactive than reactive. She also raised the staffing issue which is outlined on page 9 of the attached presentation.</p> <p>Mrs. Jewell shared that we are required to have a bilingual program once we have 20 or more students who speak the same language.</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney asked if these students not only need to take English, but other subjects as well such as Social Studies, Science, etc. and how teachers accommodate this. Mrs. Jewell said yes, they take other required classes and the students are provided with support. Mrs. McInerney also asked how close the district is approaching the need to provide a Portuguese-speaking teacher. Mrs. Jewell said she would find out.</p> <p>Ms. Hollander said the SBAC assessment takes place in January - March. (SBAC Proficiency is on page 12 of the presentation.)</p> <p>LAS Links Percent of Students Proficient (p. 13 of presentation.) Mrs. Jewell thinks the huge dip is due to the paper-pencil test. Students have to speak into a microphone. Reading and Writing results have an impact on literacy.</p> <p>Ms. Hollander shared other data on iReady. (p 14 of presentation) She is happy that there are many good things in place. The new math iReady classroom will support growth in math. The Science of reading with vocabulary will provide support, too.</p> <p>Ms. Hollander shared that we use data to help make decisions for programming and planning for students' needs.</p> <p>To support ELL programming, Ms. Hollander contracted with EdAdvance to conduct an ELL</p>	
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program audit.

The audit provided the opportunity for Ms. Hollander and Mrs. Jewell to look at programs as well as possible solutions.

Future Considerations that Ms. Hollander would like us to consider:

- The addition of a bilingual teacher at the secondary level.
- Expanding the coordinator's role with the increase in students. This would include supporting the in-take of new families for proper identification and support.

Mrs. Jewell expressed her thanks for the invitation tonight.

**B. Science of Reading Update**

Ms. Hollander provided an update of the district's efforts to address the Science of Reading mandates. She shared that she and the ELA coordinate are working to review phonic programming supports at the K-3 level.

**C. Summer School Update**

Ms. Hollander said Summer School is returning with an emphasis on phonics for students entering grades 2-4. This offering, Summer Learning Lab, is a redesigned offering to support foundational skills. The program will run from July 10-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Hollander briefly discussed Credit Recovery. There will be 14 sessions that run from 7:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

She raised the question about whether the district would consider charging next year to offset expenses. In the past, students who required credit recovery attended other programs for a fee.

**D. Juneteenth**

Ms. Hollander shared information about the legislation regarding Juneteenth.

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<p><b>E.</b></p>	<p><b>US History Alignment to Address New Legislation and Standards</b></p> <p>New standards are being written for social studies by a team of middle and HS teachers, especially in 11th grade history and where 11th and 12th grade should start/begin. This is being done as a pilot.</p>	
<p><b>F.</b></p>	<p><b>Adult Education Update</b></p> <p>Ms. Hollander said we have an amazing Adult Education program which Christy Martin oversees.</p> <p>Ms. Hollander shared that she would be providing additional information about NMHS Career Pathways. This would be a follow-up to our earlier session in which members of the high school shared their work with the Freshman Seminar.</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney asked Ms. Hollander to be sure to invite all Board members to these meetings and to share Ms. Hollander’s presentation with the full Board. Ms. Hollander will ask Jeannine Usher to share the presentation.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p> <p>None.</p>	<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Herring with all voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.</i></p>	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



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