


New Milford Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Cafeteria


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Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Eric Hansell Mr. Pete Helmus Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Tom O'Brien Mrs. Olga I. Rella Mrs. Leslie Sarich Mr. Keith A. Swanhall Jr.
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Also Present:	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent Ms. Rebecca Adams, Human Resources Director Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Mr. Nestor Aparicio, Assistant Facilities Director Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mrs. Anne Bilko, Sarah Noble Intermediate School Principal Mrs. Gwen Gallagher, Northville Elementary School Principal Mr. Raymond Manka, New Milford High School Principal Ms. Linda Scoralick, Schaghticoke Middle School Interim Principal Nicholas Carroccio, Student Representative Ishaani Pradeep, Student Representative Attorney Zachary Schurin, Pullman and Comley LLC
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1.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance The regular meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Recognition A. NMPS Retiree: Nancy Schindelar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. DiCorpo thanked Mrs. Schindelar for her dedicated service. B. NMPS Stars of the Month: Cara Abraham, Robin	Recognition A. NMPS Retiree: Nancy Schindelar B. NMPS Stars of the Month: Cara

	<p>Barboza-Josephson, Maura Jabbonsky, Scott McKay, Connie Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. DiCorpo congratulated the monthly “Stars” and read the comments submitted by the person who nominated them. • Mrs. Faulenbach added congratulations on behalf of the Board. 	<p>Abraham, Robin Barboza-Josephson, Maura Jabbonsky, Scott McKay, Connie Williams</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach reviewed the protocol for public comment which is welcomed at all Board meetings and subcommittees. It is usually no longer than 20 minutes but she will extend it to an hour at least this evening to accommodate all who may wish to speak. She asked speakers to limit themselves to 3 minutes each, for speakers to address their comments to the Board, and to speak with decorum so that all can have a voice and be heard. • NMHS student Taylor Balzi said she was disappointed with Mr. Manka’s resignation because he has had a significant impact on student lives. She respectfully requests the Board table the resignation for the time being. • NMHS student Joseph Russell asked the Board to decline Mr. Manka’s resignation. He said Mr. Manka has made the high school a place of inclusion and the students deserve continuity. • NMHS student Colin Walsh said he appreciates how welcoming Mr. Manka is to students and references a petition signed by 1775 people asking him to stay. • New Milford resident Brendan Farinha said he is disappointed in the manner in which the Board is fulfilling its duties. He said the superintendent is the liaison between the Board and staff and she is not successful as is evident by district turnover. He posted the petition on social media as a result. He wants the Board to hold the superintendent accountable. 	<p>Public Comment</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● NMHS student Madeline Bell said Mr. Manka is an outstanding principal who makes human connections with students.● Suzanne Grant Sweeney, parent, PTO president and part time athletic trainer said in her experience students have connected meaningfully with Mr. Manka and he has been supportive of the PTO. She is sad to see him go.● New Milford resident Amy Photopoulos said she does not know Mr. Manka but has interacted with Ms. DiCorpo since her unanimous appointment in 2020. There has been turnover since that time, but context matters. There has been high turnover in New Milford for years. This is a nationwide issue now, especially in education. She appreciates the rigor, thoughtful and thorough approach that the Superintendent takes as she advocates for students.● Parent Andrea Price Johnson said she wants to reiterate the difference Mr. Manka has made. She also wants to say how disappointed she is with the lack of support to children this year who are out of school as a result of Covid protocols.● Student Jeremiah Elezi said Mr. Manka helps students feel safe and asked the Board not to accept his resignation.● Teacher and parent Jen LaCava said she thinks Mr. Manka is a strong communicator with a calm demeanor who has met all challenges with a positive attitude. He is a visible presence and a champion for students and teachers both.● Student Megan Sheedy said Mr. Manka is the change students needed in their return to school and he leads by example.● Student Teddy Cook says he feels safe and engaged in learning with Mr. Manka's support. He asked the Board to table his resignation.● Parent Allison Sidel said she thinks the number of people present tonight, over 150, should be noted since it speaks to the positive impression Mr. Manka has had. She said there is clearly a disconnect with this resignation of a beloved	
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	<p>administrator. She said students don't need another transition and asked that the Board not accept his resignation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parent Vicki Caldwell said she understands the challenges of this year and applauds district efforts. She said every story has two sides and she thinks more information could help provide answers to students who don't need more upheaval. She asked that the resignation be tabled.● Parent Amri Plisko said she has never seen a more approachable, visible principal who has a connection with students.● Student Quinn Danvers said he thinks Mr. Manka has created the best learning environment and he asked that the resignation be declined.● Student Sarah Beck said Mr. Manka is supportive of students and has provided a leadership role for student voice. Please decline his resignation request.● Parent Sharon Sainz said the Superintendent has been very supportive. Current problems were there long before her.● Parent Jennifer Douglas said the Board represents the community and they should listen to the community that is present tonight. Mr. Manka has had an impact on school climate.● Parent Anne Flynn said she has been in New Milford over 50 years and the current issues with the principal leaving, buses, staff turnover, lack of timely communication are not acceptable. She asked that the resignation be rescinded and that the Superintendent resign.● Parent and PTO President Nannette Pelletier said students have spoken eloquently but that a vote of no confidence in the Superintendent is totally uncalled for during these tumultuous times.● Parent Chizoro Taylor pleaded with the Board to keep Mr. Manka and to take a deeper dive into what went wrong. He is an amazing mentor to students.● Betsy Stewart, former employee, said she came to New Milford to work with Ms. DiCorpo and	
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	<p>wants to publicly thank her for all she taught her during her time with the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Susan Zeitler said she had requested meetings with Ms. DiCorpo and her request was not honored. She said she is not the right person for New Milford. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>PTO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Pelletier reported for the PTO. Townwide: We are currently running a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser for the scholarship fund. I have passed an order form around your table tonight if you're interested in supporting this fundraiser. We are also running a clothing drive for the scholarship fund - clothes and shoes are accepted. The dropoff bin is in front of the JPS Community Center and will be there through the end of May. ● Grad Party: Grad Party is still looking for additional volunteers to help out with decorating and the actual event. They are currently selling raffle tickets for \$10 each for the chance to win cash prizes of \$750, \$500, and \$250. Only 500 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held on May 5th at the Mayor's office. Every year, a memorabilia poster of each NMHS senior is created and then displayed at the grad party. Parents of seniors have until 5/15 to get their students' digital pictures to the grad party. ● NMHS: A staff luncheon will be provided by the PTO on May 4th. The High School will be having a field day on 5/17. The PTO will be providing water and ice pops for the event. ● SMS: Flamingo Flocking has started up again. For a nominal fee, you can have a friend's yard flocked as long as they live in New Milford. Last week, the PTO held a dance with the Youth Agency for the 7th grade. Over 100 students attended the event. The PTO will host a luncheon for the staff on 5/5. ● SNIS: The PTO will be providing juice pops and 	<p>PTO Report</p>

	<p>water for the 3rd and 4th grade field days. A committee has met and is in the process of planning the 5th grade sendoff. The PTO will host a luncheon for the staff on 5/4. The PTO will be hosting a Booster Thon - a virtual kick off will take place on 5/13 and will end with a Fun Run on 5/13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES: The PTO will host a luncheon for the staff on 5/3. The PTO will be holding a Tasty Waves fundraiser on 5/18 - 10% of the day's profits will be donated to the NES PTO so please mark that date down in your calendars. Planning for the 2nd grade send offs has started. • HPS: The PTO will be hosting an ice cream social on 5/6 in conjunction with the school's art show. The PTO will be providing a luncheon for the staff on 5/4. A Bubblemania assembly has been planned for the kindergarten and first grade classes on 5/11. Planning has also started for the 2nd grade send offs. 	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Student Representatives' Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ishaani Pradeep and Nicholas Carroccio, student representatives, reported on happenings in the schools this month. • NES: Earlier this month, Northville welcomed possible future Excel students. Parents learned more about the preschool program and students got to engage in some fun activities with peers. They celebrated their Paraprofessionals on April 6th! Northville students wore blue on April 5th in support of autism. NES is grateful to their P.T.O. They recently purchased new playground equipment for each class. They also held the March Silent Auction and many people participated in the fundraiser. Mrs. Gallagher is looking forward to her day with the student who won Principal for a Day. Finally during the month of April, Northville is focusing on the character trait - Loyalty. Students are showing kindness to their friends and classmates. They 	<p>Student Representatives' Report</p>

	<p>are working on i-Statements when involved in a conflict and different ways to handle a disagreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HPS: Hill and Plain is hosting Family Arts Night and Ice Cream Social on May 6th. They also held PTO sponsored Sports Fun day on April 1st. The next 4 Wednesdays, both Northville and Hill & Plain will welcome future kindergarteners to school. ● SNIS: SNIS looks for ways to contribute to our community. On Friday the 1st, SNIS held a first Friday Food Drive and collected more than 700 non perishable items for the local food bank. Additionally, the third grade students made flowers with positive messages to be distributed to local nursing homes and care facilities. ● SMS: It's Spirit Week at SMS! Student leaders from Student Council worked with faculty advisors to select themed dress days so students can show their school spirit. The SMS Jazz Band traveled to NMHS last week to participate in Jazz Fest. Spring sports are underway with competitions beginning this week. The home opener for both baseball and softball is this Friday. The SMS Track & Field program will also host a home meet (at NMHS) on Thursday next week. ● NMHS: Spanish Honor Society Induction is 5/2, German Honor Society Induction is 5/4, Advanced Chorus/Orchestra Concert is Thursday at 7:00 p.m., French Honor Society Induction is 5/10 and Career Expo this Thursday the 28th. 	
<p>6.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022</p>

	<p>Mr. O'Brien moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022, seconded by Mr. Helmus.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022, seconded by Mr. Hansell.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022.</p> <p>2. Special Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. DiCorpo gave the Fundraiser report for this month - 7 at NMHS: PTO, GHIS, Key Club, NHS, Chorus, Baseball, and DECA; 1 at SMS: Life Skills Class; 1 at HPS: PTO ● Kindergarten enrollment update: NES - 92 and HPS - 75 ● The district celebrated and recognized Autism awareness on Tuesday, April 5th by wearing blue. Information via a few helpful links was shared with teachers who may be interested in promoting understanding and support in their classroom. ● COVID home test kits were made available to families by drive-through at SNIS on Saturday, April 2 from 10 AM to 2 PM, and will be offered again tomorrow, Saturday, April 9 from 11 AM to 2 PM. ● The Attitude and Behaviors survey was administered on April 5 at SMS and NMHS for students in grades 8, 10, and 12. We anticipate the results being available at the beginning of May. ● Colleen Jewell and Lori Cerra were surprised by me and the building administration for earning a 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>

	<p>“Fund for Teachers” grant which includes a summer fellowship opportunity. We are thrilled for them to embark on this new adventure. Colleen Jewell will be going to Ecuador to be immersed in the culture to learn to speak Spanish and to learn more about her EL students. Lori Cerra will go to the West Coast of California and will be visiting National Parks in connection with the maker space initiative she is working to build in our district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The EXCEL Open House for our potential Community Friends was held at both NES and HPS on Wednesday, March 30th. Parents have scheduled their visits so that staff can observe students and meet families. The EXCEL Lottery was also scheduled for April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. and is a virtual event.• Ms. DiCorpo recognized a few Notable Mentions: NMHS art students Nicole Reiske and Beatriz Novas, already honored to have their artwork chosen for the National K-12 Ceramics Exhibition in Sacramento, have won additional awards at the Exhibition. Nicole’s Selfie tile was chosen to receive the Orton Foundation Cash Award, while Beatriz’ wax resist plate was recognized with the Artistic Merit Award. Sophomore Leo Mahlke was awarded a Gold Medal for Poetry for his submission to the national Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. This year only 40 medals were awarded for poetry at the national level, chosen from over 22,000 submissions, making this quite a distinctive honor. In addition, Leo has also been participating in UCONN's Connecticut Writing Project for eight years, and this will be his eighth straight year winning publication in its celebrated Connecticut Student Writers magazine. This year Leo won a platinum award for nonfiction and a gold award for short story. His artwork was also chosen to be published in the magazine for the seventh year in a row. Leo was honored to be asked to read his nonfiction piece at the award ceremony at the Jorgensen	
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	<p>Center at UCONN in May. Congratulations! The following students were selected as the top musicians from the state of Connecticut to participate in the CMEA All-State festival that took place at the Hartford Convention Center from March 31st to April 2nd. To be selected, students rehearsed and refined audition materials that were then judged by music educators. Students with the top scores were then invited to participate in the prestigious All-State ensembles. Kudos to all! Band: Gabriel Larsen, Leo Mahlke, Kelsey Stewart; Jazz Band: Riley Mahlke; Chorus: Kyra Brown, Natalie Brown, Malachi Caldwell, Leah Lawson, Riley Mahon, Aidan Smith and Cassandra Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Green Heat Percussion continued their winning ways with another victory on April 2nd. Additionally, they won the SW Conference award for Highest Score this season! ● On April 20th, the NMHS Chorus sang the national anthem at the Hartford Yard Goats game. ● Ms. DiCorpo said in light of the ongoing investigation at NMHS today, there will be added police security for tomorrow to make sure students and staff feel safe. Mental health support will be offered as well. She is grateful to parents for their support as the police investigated. Communications were provided as quickly as was possible. Ms. DiCorpo publicly thanked the New Milford Police Department and Chief Cerruto for all their assistance. 	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Board Chairman’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Faulenbach said she would skip the Board Chair’s Report in light of time and the business of the Board this evening. 	<p>Board Chairman’s Report</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p>

<p>A. Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated April 26, 2022 - Revised</p> <p>Mr. O’Brien moved to approve Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated April 26, 2022, seconded by Mr. Helmus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Rella made a motion to table #A.1.a.3 on Exhibit A, Mr. Raymond Manka’s resignation. ● Mrs. Faulenbach said there was already a motion on the table. She asked Mr. O’Brien and Mr. Helmus if they wanted to pull their motion. ● Mr. O’Brien said yes; Mr. Helmus said no. <p>Mrs. Rella moved to amend the main motion to modify Exhibit A to remove Raymond Manka’s resignation, seconded by Mrs. Sarich.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Faulenbach asked what Mrs. Rella’s intent is if the motion passes. ● Mrs. Rella said to table the resignation. ● Mrs. Faulenbach said in that case it is cleaner to bifurcate the main motion. ● Mr. Helmus agreed to withdraw his second on the main motion. ● Mrs. Rella said she would suggest a new motion. <p>Main motion was withdrawn. Amendment withdrawn.</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve Exhibit A with the removal of item A.1.a.3, Raymond Manka’s resignation, seconded by Mrs. Sarich.</p> <p>Motion passed 8-1-0, with Mr. Helmus voting no.</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to table the resignation of Raymond Manka effective June 30, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Sarich.</p>	<p>A. Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated April 26, 2022 - Revised</p> <p>Motion made and withdrawn to approve Revised Exhibit A: Personnel – Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated April 26, 2022.</p> <p>Motion made and withdrawn to amend the main motion to modify Exhibit A to remove Raymond Manka’s resignation.</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve Exhibit A with the removal of item A.1.a.3, Raymond Manka’s resignation.</p> <p>Motion made and withdrawn to table the resignation of Raymond Manka effective June 30, 2022.</p>
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- Mrs. Rella said Board members have no more information about this resignation than the community has and she is sad to see a loved principal leaving the district. She wants more time to see if they can make a difference.
- Mrs. Sarich said she would like more time to work through the process and gather information.
- Mr. Hansell said the Board has heard the community tonight and thanked them for their attendance. He said voting to accept or decline the resignation would not keep the principal who has resigned and instead could exacerbate the situation.
- Mrs. McInerney said it has been difficult to listen to students and parents who have been thriving under leadership that is leaving. She appreciates the public comment. She respects Mr. Manka and thinks he is a wonderful principal but doesn't know why he is resigning so will respect his decision. She doesn't want to prolong the situation for Mr. Manka.
- Mr. McCauley said he appreciates the public comment and thinks it is important to listen to the community. He said Mr. Manka lists personal reasons as his decision so it is hard for the Board to make a decision about that. He would suggest more time, perhaps a special meeting, to hear from the individual.
- Mr. Helmus said this is highly unusual and that the Board does not have any more information than the public. It is a private matter for Mr. Manka. Mr. Manka has not chosen to come this evening to rescind his resignation.
- Mr. Manka joined the meeting.
- Mrs. Faulenbach called for a brief recess.

The Board recessed at 8:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:53 p.m.

- Mrs. Faulenbach asked Mrs. Rella and Mrs. Sarich to withdraw their motion to table the

	<p>resignation of Raymond Manka effective June 30, 2022. Mrs. Rella and Mrs. Sarich agreed.</p> <p>The motion was withdrawn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Faulenbach asked for a motion to add to the agenda to provide an opportunity for a public statement by Mr. Manka. She said approval will require a two thirds vote. <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to add to the agenda to provide an opportunity for a public statement by Raymond Manka.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Manka thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and thanked the community. He said he would like to take this opportunity to officially rescind his resignation. <p>B. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated March 31, 2022 2. Purchase Resolution: D-757 3. Request for Budget Transfers <p>Mr. Hansell moved to approve Monthly Reports: Budget Position dated March 31, 2022, Purchase Resolution D-757, and Request for Budget Transfers, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Policies/Regulations for Deletion/Approval</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3321 Requesting Goods and Services (Requisitions) <p>Mrs. McInerney moved to delete policy 3321 Requesting Goods and Services (Requisitions), seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to add to the agenda to provide an opportunity for a public statement by Raymond Manka.</p> <p>B. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated March 31, 2022 2. Purchase Resolution: D-757 3. Request for Budget Transfers <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Monthly Reports: Budget Position dated March 31, 2022, Purchase Resolution D-757, and Request for Budget Transfers.</p> <p>C. Policies/Regulations for Deletion/Approval</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3321 Requesting Goods and Services (Requisitions) <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to delete policy 3321</p>
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	<p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. 3324.1 Contracts - Regulation</p> <p>Mr. Hansell moved to delete regulation 3324.1 Contracts, seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. 3432/3433 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved to approve policy 3432 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement, seconded by Mrs. Sarich.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Policy for Second Review</p> <p>1. 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls</p> <p>E. Policies for First Review</p> <p>1. 3440 Inventories 2. 3450 Monies in School Buildings 3. 3451 Petty Cash Funds</p> <p>F. Approval of Curricula</p> <p>1. Sports Literature 2. AP Language and Composition 3. Art - Kindergarten 4. Art - Grade 1 5. Art - Grade 2 6. Art - Grade 3 7. Art - Grade 4 8. Art - Grade 5 9. Art - Grade 7</p>	<p>Requesting Goods and Services (Requisitions).</p> <p>2. 3324.1 Contracts - Regulation</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to delete regulation 3324.1 Contracts.</p> <p>3. 3432/3433 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve policy 3432 Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement.</p> <p>D. Policy for Second Review</p> <p>1. 5121.2 Eligibility for Honor Rolls</p> <p>E. Policies for First Review</p> <p>1. 3440 Inventories 2. 3450 Monies in School Buildings 3. 3451 Petty Cash Funds</p> <p>F. Approval of Curricula</p> <p>1. Sports Literature 2. AP Language and Composition 3. Art - Kindergarten 4. Art - Grade 1 5. Art - Grade 2 6. Art - Grade 3 7. Art - Grade 4 8. Art - Grade 5</p>
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	<p>10. Art - Grade 8</p> <p>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the following Curricula:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sports Literature 2. AP Language and Composition 3. Art - Kindergarten 4. Art - Grade 1 5. Art - Grade 2 6. Art - Grade 3 7. Art - Grade 4 8. Art - Grade 5 9. Art - Grade 7 10. Art - Grade 8 <p>Seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. McInerney said Art - Grade 6 is missing from the list because the committee had additional questions. It will be moved forward following the May Committee on Learning meeting. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>G. Grant Approval</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ED 244 <p>Mrs. Sarich moved to approve Grant ED 244 in the amount of \$145,422.</p> <p>Seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Helmus thanked the administration for continuing to pursue grant opportunities <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>H. Bid Award</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Transportation Services 	<p>9. Art - Grade 7 10. Art - Grade 8</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following Curricula:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sports Literature 2. AP Language and Composition 3. Art - Kindergarten 4. Art - Grade 1 5. Art - Grade 2 6. Art - Grade 3 7. Art - Grade 4 8. Art - Grade 5 9. Art - Grade 7 10. Art - Grade 8 <p>G. Grant Approval</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ED 244 <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Grant ED 244 in the amount of \$145,422.</p> <p>H. Bid Award</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Transportation Services
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	<p>Mrs. Rella moved to award the bid for Special Transportation Services for the period of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the following vendors by run, as outlined by location in Memo 9H - Bid Award Special Transportation Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EdAdvance 2. Connect Kids 3. CT Transportation Solutions 4. Coordinated Transportation Solutions <p>Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Helmus asked how the rates compare to current ones. ● Mr. Giovannone said they are higher than current, but within the budget for next year. ● Mrs. Olson said all bids chosen were the lowest bid except for one which is based on student need. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>I. End of Year Balance/Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Faulenbach said there is a memo from Operations included in the packet. ● Mr. Giovannone said there will be more specifics at the Operations and full Board meetings in May regarding possible year end projects 	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to award the bid for Special Transportation Services for the period of 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 to the following vendors by run, as outlined by location in Memo 9H - Bid Award Special Transportation Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EdAdvance 2. Connect Kids 3. CT Transportation Solutions 4. Coordinated Transportation Solutions <p>I. End of Year Balance/Projects</p>
<p>10.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>Items for Information and Discussion</p> <p>Field Trip Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Hollander said there are 14 field trips listed; one is virtual. 	<p>Items for Information and Discussion</p> <p>A. Field Trip Report</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>Discussion of Superintendent’s request for approval</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action</p> <p>A. Discussion of Superintendent’s</p>

	<p>of employment contract's carryover provision. Executive session anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</p> <p>Mr. O'Brien moved that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's request for approval of her employment contract's carryover provision and invite into the session Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo, seconded by Mr. McCauley.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board entered executive session at 9:06 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 9:14 p.m.</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's request regarding her employment contract's carryover provision, seconded by Mr. Hansell.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>request for approval of employment contract's carryover provision. Executive session anticipated. The Board may take action when it returns to public session.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent's request for approval of her employment contract's carryover provision and invite into the session Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board approve the Superintendent's request regarding her employment contract's carryover provision.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Rella.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Olga I. Rella, Secretary
 New Milford Board of Education

