

**New Milford Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024
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| Present: | Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson Mrs. Leslie Sarich Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Tom O'Brien Mr. Dean Barile Mr. Eric Hansell Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Randall Scofield |
| Absent: | Mr. Brian McCauley |

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| Also Present: | Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Director of Technology Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Mr. Antonio Caldereri, Student Representative Ms. Penelope Morrissey, Student Representative Mrs. Melanie Bonjour, Program Manager, CT Institute For Communities, Inc., School Based Health Centers (SBHC) Mrs. Cheryl Panosian, Licensed Professional Counselor, CT Institute For Communities, Inc, NM High School SBHC BH Program |
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| 1. | A. | Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order. | Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance |
| 2. | A. | Public Comment There was none. | Public Comment |
| 3. | | STUDENT RECOGNITION: NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL PEER MENTORS Dr. Parlato stated this is the inaugural Peer Mentor program. Peer mentors are 11th and 12th grade mentors for a 9th grade mentee. Mentors are there to discuss academics, communicate with peers and teachers, help with handling stress and emotions, | STUDENT RECOGNITION: NEW MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL PEER MENTORS |

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| | <p>and be a resource. Peer mentors demonstrate the ideas to live by: heart, collaboration, focus, and creativity. Peer mentors for the 2024-25 school year are: Ry Ambrose, Carter Brandel, Isabella Buffa, Barbara Cardenas, Anna Carvalho, Gabriella Esposito, Victoria Fonseca, Sebastian Gilbert, Kailey Hector, Kelsey Hector, Addison Hernandez, Kirra Hopp, Jaden McMullin, Madeline Merritt, Haley Piper, Caden Reynolds, Calley Thierfelder, Riley Tierney, Regan Williams, Emilia Alvarez, Mason Antonucci, Alyssa Creighton-Rullo, Lauren Gesualdi, Alyssa Gonch, Julia Hancock, Hannah Milot, Harley Pane, Isla Rocca, Lily Runyan, Ava Squeglia, Allyx-Kathryn Wilk, Meadow Hall, Elisabeth Joudy, and Taylor Lachance.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>PTO REPORT Mrs. Byrd stated in the K-8 schools, the PTOs celebrated Halloween including Boo Bash and Trunk-or-Treating. The schools also recognized Veterans during Veteran’s Day celebrations. Book fairs were a success and they were able to provide books to all school libraries and in some instances, staff classrooms. During conferences, the PTO provided meals/treats to staff. In the K-5 schools, there will be holiday stores. It’s a great opportunity for students to shop. There are plans to celebrate staff during the holidays as well.</p> | <p>PTO REPORT</p> |
| 5. | <p>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT Mr. Caldareri stated Sarah Noble Intermediate School (SNIS), on November 7th, celebrated Veteran’s Day with over 30 Veterans in attendance. They also just had their first “Kindness” poster contest. The theme was “Kindness Begins with Me” and top students from each grade were honored. Northville had a Professional Development day recently, a Sock Hop during gym, and a 50th day of school celebration. Northville also honored Veterans at an assembly. Hill & Plain School (HPS), had a family reading and math event as well as a spooky reading night. HPS also had a Veteran’s Day assembly where Mrs. Heinz led the students in song.</p> | <p>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT</p> |

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| | | <p>Students had their own local election where they voted for the school garden name.</p> <p>Ms. Morrissey stated Schaghticoke Middle School (SMS) hosted a Veteran’s Day event and in attendance was a recipient of the Wounded Warrior Project. PTO will be hosting a Boosterthon fundraiser. The New Milford High School band and chorus had a trip to Disney. The National Honors Society had a diabetes walk and SADD (Students Against Destructive Behavior) will have a blood drive on November 26th.</p> | |
| 6. | A. | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: 1. Regular Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024</p> <p><i>Mr. Scofield moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Sarich. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: 1. Regular Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024</p> <p>Motion made and passed to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes October 15, 2024.</p> |
| 7. | | <p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT Dr. Parlato stated the Board had a workshop to discuss action steps for the district regarding the Overall Performance Index. There is room to grow but it is a pleasure to work with a hard working staff and thanked everyone for continuing ahead on this journey. Dr. Parlato stated she had her first meeting of the Superintendent's Advisory Council for high school students. Thirty six students attended and provided topics of interest, one being how the budget is developed.</p> | <p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</p> |
| 8. | A. | <p>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS Policy Mrs. Sarich stated they are moving through policies and there are some from the 9000 series on the agenda tonight.</p> | <p>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS A. Policy</p> |

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| | <p>B. Committee on Learning Mrs. McInerney stated they had a presentation on K-12 data, and all materials were attached to the minutes.</p> <p>C. Facilities Mr. O'Brien stated there are a number of ongoing projects. During the information portion of tonight's meeting, he will speak to those projects. Tonight marks the first Board of Education meeting since August 2018 that the New Milford High School roof was not on the agenda. Mr. O'Brien was happy to report it is 100% complete. Garland has issued a warranty for the roof and the district is in good shape to be reimbursed. Mrs. Faulenbach stated that it has been a long road. Dr. Parlato mentioned they will have a motion to accept the project at the December meeting.</p> <p>D. Operations Mr. Hansell stated Mr. Giovannone will review everything.</p> | <p>B. Committee on Learning</p> <p>C. Facilities</p> <p>D. Operations</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Mrs. Faulenbach stated the board meeting dates have been posted for the 2025 year with some modifications with Election Day and Veteran's Day, so there will be two Wednesday meetings in 2025.</p> | <p>BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> |
| <p>10.</p> | <p>STUDENT-BASED HEALTH CENTERS PRESENTATION Dr. Parlato introduced Melanie Bonjour, Program Manager for the Student-Based Health Centers (SBHC), and Cheryl Panosian, Licensed Professional Counselor, to give an update on the Student-Based Health Centers.</p> <p>Mrs. Panosian stated they are a federally qualified health center that allows access to healthcare where there may be a shortage of professionals, limitations with transportation, poverty, limitations</p> | <p>STUDENT-BASED HEALTH CENTERS PRESENTATION</p> |

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| | <p>linguistically, etc. They bring access to where students are, and mostly in school. Since Covid, there has been a greater need for access to behavioral healthcare services. With the Student-Based Health Centers, patients do not have to experience limited appointment availability and the patients/students or parents do not have to take time out of their work or school day to attend an appointment. Services for New Milford began in 2022.</p> <p>Mrs. Panosian stated she is based at New Milford High School. She receives referrals from staff, parents, and students, and although not there yet, they are close to needing to develop a waitlist. When a student first comes to her, she assesses the student's needs based on information gathered from the referral and parents. Many times students are having issues academically, and there is often a collaboration with guidance to try and work through the issues to improve things like attendance and academic performance. In her line of work, she has seen students who are failing, begin to pass classes after accessing care. The assessment includes doing a study on the students sleeping habits, diet, and exercise.</p> <p>Mrs. Bonjour stated they don't take the place of the counselor, but there is a lot of collaboration, including parents. It is a team approach. If they were not there, it would fall to a social worker, guidance, etc. and parents would have to go out to get assessments. The wait list can be long. Social work intake is 4-6 months. The benefits of the SBHC address the social/emotional learning of the kids in the school, so it helps the students thrive.</p> <p>Mrs. Bonjour stated patient visits over the last few years have gone up significantly across all the schools. To date, they have had over 5072 visits. They bill for services. The district pays for support services and operational costs. It is appreciated that the district provides services for outreach and getting</p> | |
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| | <p>patients/families enrolled in insurance. They bill through most insurances, but also accept self pay at a sliding fee scale based on income. They will not turn a child away and have a financial enrollment team to work with families.</p> <p>When school and staff work together, there is better attention to social determinants of health and health disparities. It provides seamless care, helps reduce school absences, and it decreases the need for parents to take time off of work to take their child to an appointment. In a survey given to the students, 55% of students who get behavioral health services would have done nothing if the SBHC was not available to them and 32% would have waited until things got bad.</p> <p>Mr. Hansell noted in 2024, there were 2870 visits. Mr. Hansell asked how many were unique vs. repeat students. Mrs. Bonjour stated she did not have that information with her but could get it for the Board. The SBHCs try to accommodate the needs of each student. Some need only a few visits while others need more. Mrs. Bonjour noted the staff tries not to pull students out of academic classes. Mr. Barile asked about the payments that can be accepted. Also, outside of salary costs, he asked what the biggest costs are of running the clinic. Mrs. Bonjour stated there are salaries and benefits to be paid to the employees. There is an annual license fee for EHR. There are other overhead costs such as internet, phone, and corporate. Mr. Barile asked on average, what does a session earn the SBHC. Mrs. Bonjour stated they get a federal reimbursement rate, but did not have the exact amount. Mrs. Panosian added that the district does not pay their salaries. Mr. Barile asked if the SBHC are self-sustaining and if there will be a point where they are fully autonomous. Mrs. Bonjour stated that they bill but don't always get paid. The cost for staff, such as social workers, has greatly increased. Beyond billing services, they have an administrative cost. They do try to sustain</p> | |
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| | <p>themselves. Mrs. Faulenbach asked, on behalf of Mr. Barile, for clarification on the district's budgetary impact. Mr. Giovannone answered that the district pays \$58,000/year for secretarial support. Mrs. Bonjour stated the secretarial support helps with outreach at all five schools and getting insurance information to families.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach asked if the parents are part of the process. Mrs. Bonjour stated yes. Mrs. Faulenbach asked if there is any time parents are not involved in the process. Mrs. Bonjour stated the only time is when the student could be at risk. The state law allows up to six confidential visits, but the goal is to engage that family in the process.</p> <p>Mrs. Sarich asked what the cost is per visit. Mrs. Bonjour stated for federal reimbursement it's around \$150 per visit. Private insurance is different. Mrs. Sarich asked what the starting point was. Mrs. Bonjour stated it is about \$35-45 dollars. That is an annual rate that is set. Mrs. Bonjour stated she would provide more detailed information on billing to the Board.</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney stated mental health is confidential and safety is important. She asked who the SBHC works with at the schools if there are potential issues with students. Mrs. Bonjour stated it is usually a school counselor.</p> <p>Mr. Hansell mentioned the secretarial support is paid \$15,000 quarterly by the district. At a meeting on June 10, 2022, the board was assured the SBHC would be self-sufficient at this point. Additionally, there was mention of decreasing morbidity and mortality rates. Mr. Hansell asked how the health centers have decreased mortality rates in Danbury since they started there 30 years ago. Mrs. Bonjour stated they have data from the State Department of Public Health. It is calculated based on a certain number of visits. Mr. Hansell asked how many</p> | |
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| | <p>absences are decreasing based on their services. Mrs. Bonjour stated she would get that information and send it to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Hansell stated he is concerned the SBHC is not self-sufficient. Mrs. Bonjour asked how they are not considered self-sufficient. Mr. Hansell mentioned the district paying for the secretarial support at \$58,000 per year, and inquired if they could do without the secretarial support. Mrs. Bonjour stated they could, the work would fall to the clinicians. Mr. Hansell asked if the SBHC could support the cost of the secretarial support. Mrs. Bonjour stated they would not be able to do so.</p> <p>Mrs. McInerney stated she thought the district had agreed to fund the secretarial support ongoing. Mrs. Faulenbach also stated, in the dialog, the way it was presented, it would be primarily self-sustaining. The Board would provide some clerical support. Mrs. Bonjour stated it is up to the Board of Education to decide the value of their services. She asked the Board if the families would be in support of this. Mrs. Bonjour stated the families we serve would be challenged to find the same services in the community. This is a minimal financial cost in the district. Mrs. Faulenbach stated she would speak for herself in saying the fact you are here shows our intent and our understanding. The budgetary questions do not mean we're not in favor. We are going into budget season and we have to make tough choices. We needed a refresh on the project. It is not all completely budgetary. Mrs. Sarich stated it is important what the SBHC are doing, we're just trying to drill down a bit. Mrs. Faulenbach stated we ask these questions because we do answer to the community. Mr. O'Brien asked Dr. Parlato what the program would cost if the district did not utilize the SBHC. Dr. Parlato stated it would cost the district roughly \$400,000 annually to employ staff to provide these services. Mr. O'Brien stated it seems the SBHC is a bargain.</p> | |
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| | <p>Dr. Parlato stated she wanted to acknowledge the work from Ms. Hollander and Mrs. Olson. Mrs. Olson stated they had been looking for a program like this for years. The relief it has given parents, and the accessibility for students to have this built into the school day is very significant.</p> <p>Mrs. Panosian stated students can be seen as quickly as the next day. That accessibility is not what you're going to have in the community.</p> | |
| <p>11.</p> | <p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>A. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated October 31, 2024 2. Purchase Resolution: D-788 3. Request for Budget Transfers <p>Mr. Giovannone stated there was discussion regarding one current transfer and two transfers for the future. One is for the cogen maintenance at the highschool, and another is toward contract services for nursing. This will require a transfer from the nurse salary line later in the year. Page 4/4 shows the SMS wastewater management plan and a return from the town of the difference on what we gave them vs. what the actual cost was.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach asked for clarification on page 4/4 of the Capital Reserve and asked what the telescope contribution dollar amount would be for the upcoming budget. Mr. Giovannone stated it would be roughly \$480,000 a year from the operational budget.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach stated, some projects are earmarked but not spent down, such as the central office move. Mr. Giovannone stated he has what is still left of the 2023-24 iteration of the 5 Year Capital Plan and will prepare those items for budget discussion.</p> | <p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>A. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated October 31, 2024 2. Purchase Resolution: D-788 3. Request for Budget Transfers |

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| | <p>Mrs. Faulenbach noted there is a transfer from the insurance line to be put towards the website. Dr. Parlato stated there was extra money in the insurance line that was not reduced when there was a reduction in force. If we don't use that funding, it will fall to the bottom and end up in Capital Reserve. This was a project originally funded by ESSR. Mrs. Faulenbach asked what the overall cost of the project was. Dr. Parlato stated she would provide that to the Board. Mrs. Faulenbach asked if this transfer would finish the project. Dr. Parlato stated yes. Mrs. Sarich asked when the project would be completed. Dr. Parlato stated around mid-December.</p> <p><i>Mr. Hansell moved to approve the Budget Position dated October 31, 2024; Purchase Resolution D-788; and Request for Budget Transfers. Seconded by Mr. O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>B. Textbook Approval No discussion.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Sarich moved to approve the Textbook Approval. Seconded by Mr. Scofield. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>C. Policy for Review 1. 5131.91 Connecticut School Climate Policy</p> <p>Mr. Hansell stated he realizes we're coerced by the state to do this and would like to see regulations put in place. There is a potential to create a power imbalance, and a tyranny of the minority without guardrails set up. One of the biggest concerns, as it stands, is that it's too broad. If we're not allowed to make any changes without the threat of being sued, there should be something to deter frivolous lawsuits. There should be regulations to address the concerns.</p> | <p>Motion made to approve the Budget Position dated October 31, 2024; Purchase Resolution D-788; and Request for Budget Transfers. Motion passed.</p> <p>B. Textbook Approval</p> <p>Motion made to approve the Textbook Approval. Motion passed.</p> <p>C. Policy for Review 1. 5131.91 Connecticut School Climate Policy</p> |
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| | <p>Mrs. Faulenbach stated, after hearing the recommendation from legal, the concern from some members is the implementation of it. We've been advised not to make changes, but if we adopt it, we could address concerns somehow. Mrs. Faulenbach asked Dr. Parlato if the forms themselves can be modified.</p> <p>Dr. Parlato stated the forms for it can be revised. Mr. Hansell stated that helps, and suggested adding things instead of taking things away.</p> <p>Mr. Barile agreed there needs to be a school climate policy. The anti-bullying achieves that and, on the flipside, there is also a fiduciary responsibility to it. The concern is how do we marry those two.</p> <p>Mrs. Herring asked if this is a policy that came down from legislation, and we are being forced to abide by it, why do we vote on it. Mrs. Faulenbach answered that one of the responsibilities of Boards is to adopt policies by state statute. Mrs. Herring asked what happens if the board does not vote in favor of it. Mrs. Faulenbach stated that they will not have a policy. Dr. Parlato added, if you don't have it by July 1, 2025, then it will become a problem.</p> <p>Mr. Barile asked if we have to adopt a policy, do we have the authority as to how it is implemented. Mrs. Faulenbach stated that it is the job of the Superintendent to implement the policy, then to put together a regulation or plan as an item of information.</p> <p>Mr. Barile stated there are too many subjective terms, and believes it should be handled as a collective group. If an administrator writes the plan, the Board should vote on it. Dr. Parlato stated that she can work on putting together a climate plan and have the Board vote on it. Mrs. Faulenbach stated once the plan is put forward, it can be a work in progress. Mr. Barile noted that it seems vague and</p> | |
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| | <p>subjective purposely. He is disappointed that “challenging behavior” is in here at all.</p> <p>Dr. Parlato stated the district climate plan has not been something that has been presented directly to the Board in the past, but that she would be open to it being a matter of discussion and possible revision.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach stated that we need to find a middle ground. This is the third review. A policy is something a Board has to vote on, a plan they do not, but can if they choose to.</p> <p>Mr. Barile stated his concern is the same reason to not pass this policy as others argue to pass this policy. We could be sued on the other side of this too. Mr. Barile thanked Mrs. McInerney for her thoughts on this particular policy noting they may not always see eye-to-eye, but her insights were very helpful.</p> <p><i>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve policy 5131.91 Connecticut School Climate Policy. Seconded by Mr. O’Brien. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>D. Bylaws Recommended for Second Review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9000 Role of Board and Members 2. 9001 Officers 3. 9002 Official Duties—Chairperson 4. 9003 Official Duties—Vice Chairperson 5. 9004 Official Duties—Secretary 6. 9006 Removal of Board Officers 7. 9007 Code of Conduct for Board Members 8. 9008 Reimbursement of Board Members’ Expenses 9. 9009 Oath of Office 10. 9010 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Bylaws 11. 9011 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Policies | <p>Motion made to approve policy 5131.91 Connecticut School Climate Policy. Motion passed.</p> <p>D. Bylaws Recommended for Second Review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9000 Role of Board and Members 2. 9001 Officers 3. 9002 Official Duties—Chairperson 4. 9003 Official Duties—Vice Chairperson 5. 9004 Official Duties—Secretary 6. 9006 Removal of Board Officers 7. 9007 Code of Conduct for Board Members |
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| | <p>12. 9012 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Administrative Regulations 13. 9013 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws or Administrative Regulations 14. 9014 Board Committees</p> <p><i>Mrs. Sarich moved to approve the Bylaws listed above. Seconded by Mrs. McInerney.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Faulenbach asked to remove the first and second on the motion to approve the Bylaws listed above. The intent to modify policy 9006 with the concern mentioned at policy.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Sarich moved to approve Bylaws 9000, 9001, 9002, 9003, 9004, 9007, 9008, 9009, 9010, 9011, 9012, 9013 and 9014. Seconded by Mrs. McInerney. Motion passed 7-0-0 (Mr. O'Brien had stepped out).</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Barile moved to approve Bylaw 9006 with the change of the reading of removal of officers from a simple majority to a 2/3 majority. Seconded by Mr. Hansell. Motion passed 7-0-0 (Mr. O'Brien had stepped out).</i></p> <p>E. Bylaws Recommended for Deletion Upon Approval of Bylaws in Item A.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9000 Role of the Board and Member (Powers, Purposes, Duties) 2. 9010 Limits of Authority 3. 9012 Legal Responsibilities of Boards of Education | <p>8. 9008 Reimbursement of Board Members' Expenses 9. 9009 Oath of Office 10. 9010 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Bylaws 11. 9011 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Policies 12. 9012 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Administrative Regulations 13. 9013 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws or Administrative Regulations 14. 9014 Board Committees</p> <p>Motion made to approve Bylaws 9000, 9001, 9002, 9003, 9004, 9007, 9008, 9009, 9010, 9011, 9012, 9013 and 9014. Motion passed.</p> <p>Motion made to approve Bylaw 9006 with the change of the reading of removal of officers from a simple majority to a 2/3 majority. Motion passed.</p> <p>E. Bylaws Recommended for Deletion Upon Approval of Bylaws in Item A.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 9000 Role of the Board and Member (Powers, Purposes, Duties) |
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| | <p>4. 9020 Public Statements 5. 9030 Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relation to Community, Staff, Students 6. 9040 Board-Related Responsibilities 7. 9110 Number of Members Terms of Office, Oath of Office 8. 9120 Term of Office for Board Officers 9. 9121 Role of the Chairperson 10. 9122 Office of the Vice Chairperson 11. 9123 Role of the Secretary 12. 9131 Committee of the Whole 13. 9140 Board Representatives 14. 9221 Filling Vacancies on the Board 15. 9222 Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure 16. 9250 Remuneration and Reimbursement 17. 9260 Board Member Protection 18. 9311 Policies 19. 9313 Formulation/Adoption/Amendment of Administrative Regulations 20. 9314 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, and Regulations</p> | <p>2. 9010 Limits of Authority 3. 9012 Legal Responsibilities of Boards of Education 4. 9020 Public Statements 5. 9030 Commitment to Democratic Principles in Relation to Community, Staff, Students 6. 9040 Board-Related Responsibilities 7. 9110 Number of Members Terms of Office, Oath of Office 8. 9120 Term of Office for Board Officers 9. 9121 Role of the Chairperson 10. 9122 Office of the Vice Chairperson 11. 9123 Role of the Secretary 12. 9131 Committee of the Whole 13. 9140 Board Representatives 14. 9221 Filling Vacancies on the Board 15. 9222 Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure 16. 9250 Remuneration and Reimbursement 17. 9260 Board Member Protection 18. 9311 Policies 19. 9313 Formulation/Adoption/Amendment of Administrative Regulations</p> |
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| | | <p><i>Mrs. Sarich moved to approve the deletion of the Bylaws listed in 11 E. upon the approval of Bylaws listed in item 11D. Seconded by Mrs. Herring. Motion passed unanimously.</i></p> <p>F. Policy Revisions Recommended for First Read</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5118.1 Homeless Children and Youth 2. 5141.5 Suicide Prevention and Intervention 3. 5158 Policy to Improve the Completion Rates of the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) <p>No discussion.</p> | <p>20. 9314 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws, and Regulations</p> <p>Motion made to approve the deletion of the Bylaws listed in 11 E. upon the approval of Bylaws listed in item 11D. Motion passed.</p> <p>F. Policy Revisions Recommended for First Read</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5118.1 Homeless Children and Youth 2. 5141.5 Suicide Prevention and Intervention 3. 5158 Policy to Improve the Completion Rates of the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) |
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| 12. | A. | <p>ITEMS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>Items of Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5118.1 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Homeless Children and Youth 2. 5141.5 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Suicide Prevention Intervention 3. 5158 Administrative Regulations to Improve the Completion Rates of the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) <p>No discussion.</p> | <p>ITEMS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>A. Items of Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5118.1 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Homeless Children and Youth 2. 5141.5 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Suicide Prevention Intervention 3. 5158 Administrative Regulations to Improve the Completion Rates of the Free Application for |
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| | <p>B. Employment Report November 2024 Dr. Parlato stated they have just hired a 1st grade teacher. There is an open position for a social worker at Schaghticoke Middle School and a Chorus teacher at NMHS.</p> <p>C. Enrollment Report - November 1, 2024 Dr. Parlato stated there is stability from October to November. Kindergarten is lower because of the new legislation.</p> <p>D. Update on Transportation Requests Mr. Giovannone stated the memo documents requests for changes in stops and now includes the 3rd tier buses. This outlines the issues and the monthly discussions with the bus company. Mrs. Faulenbach stated she plans to send out a survey regarding transportation to open a discussion on cost. Mr. Hansell stated they have done a great job given how it was last year. Mrs. Faulenbach stated that it was the hard work of Mr. Giovannone and Dr. Parlato. A thank you also goes out to the staff and parents.</p> <p>E. NES roof study Mr. O'Brien stated the project is moving along. The study will determine the cost of the roof. That should be in before the end of the month so it can go into the town bonding cycle.</p> <p>F. SNIS HVAC RFP Mr. O'Brien stated an A&E firm will need to be hired to study the humidity issues in SNIS. This is not funded yet and expects to open the bids next month.</p> <p>G. Capital Improvement Work</p> | <p>Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)</p> <p>B. Employment Report November 2024</p> <p>C. Enrollment Report - November 1 2024</p> <p>D. Update on Transportation Requests</p> <p>E. NES roof study</p> <p>F. SNIS HVAC RFP</p> <p>G. Capital Improvement Work</p> |
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**New Milford Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

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| | <p>Mr. O'Brien stated these are approved from the capital budget, which includes masonry, a Ventrac machine, a new F350, camera enhancements, and more. The Ventrac machine was gifted to the district from the town. Mrs. Faulenbach thanked the town for that donation.</p> <p>H. Field Trip Report No discussion.</p> <p>I. Gifts and Donations No discussion.</p> <p>J. 2023-2024 Annual Report Mrs. Faulenbach thanked the Board for all their work. It is an impressive list of accomplishments and this should go on the website. Mrs. McInerney noted the wonderful cover artwork. Dr. Parlato stated this is part of the 'tell the story of the school district' and all official branding items that will go into all the documents.</p> | <p>H. Field Trip Report</p> <p>I. Gifts and Donations</p> <p>J. 2023-2024 Annual Report</p> |
| <p>13.</p> | <p>ADJOURN <i>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Scofield. Vote passed unanimously.</i></p> | <p>ADJOURN Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.</p> |

Respectfully Submitted,



Mrs. Tammy McInerney
Secretary
New Milford Board of Education