

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2022
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach, Chairperson Mr. Eric Hansell Mr. Pete Helmus Mr. Brian McCauley Mr. Tom O'Brien Mrs. Olga I. Rella Mrs. Leslie Sarich
Absent:	Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Keith A. Swanhall, Jr.


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Also Present:	Ms. Alisha DiCorpo, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Matt Cunningham, Facilities Director Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mayor Pete Bass, Town of New Milford Chief Spencer Cerruto, New Milford Police Department Lieutenant Earl Wheeler, New Milford Police Department
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1. A.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance The special meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Faulenbach. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Megan Byrd said she felt that hiring additional armed security officers is a knee jerk reaction and that more guns in our schools is not the answer. She feels we are failing students by not providing a better mental health and well being curriculum. ● Alice Schuette asked that the Board reconsider the armed security officers decision. She said they offer no guarantees and add the possibility of human error. She said there is nothing that shows this idea works. She suggested monies be used instead on high tech security. 	Public Comment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Learson said she would prefer to see this money spent on counselors and social workers for both students and staff. 	
3.	<p>Discussion</p> <p>A. Discussion of security strategy, as well as the deployment of security personnel, and/or devices affecting security in the New Milford Public Schools. Executive session is anticipated.</p> <p>Mrs. Rella moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss security strategy, as well as the deployment of security personnel, and/or devices affecting security in the New Milford Public Schools, and to invite into the session Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent Holly Hollander, Facilities Director Matt Cunningham, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Anthony Giovannone, Mayor Pete Bass, Chief Spencer Cerruto, and Lieutenant Earl Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hansell.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board entered executive session at 6:49 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to Public Session at 8:12 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>A. Discussion of security strategy, as well as the deployment of security personnel, and/or devices affecting security in the New Milford Public Schools. Executive session is anticipated.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss security strategy, as well as the deployment of security personnel, and/or devices affecting security in the New Milford Public Schools, and to invite into the session Superintendent Alisha DiCorpo, Assistant Superintendent Holly Hollander, Facilities Director Matt Cunningham, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Anthony Giovannone, Mayor Pete Bass, Chief Spencer Cerruto, and Lieutenant Earl Wheeler.</p>
4.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Rella and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Olga I. Rella
 Secretary
 New Milford Board of Education