

New Milford Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2014
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

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Present:	Mrs. Daniele Shook, Chairperson Mrs. Angela C. Chastain Mr. Robert Coppola Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. David A. Lawson Mr. Dave Littlefield Mr. David R. Shaffer Mr. John W. Spatola
Absent:	Mrs. Theresa Volinski

Also Present:	Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Joshua Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Ms. Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources Mr. Jay Hubelbank, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations Mr. John Calhoun, Facilities Manager Mrs. Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Services Ms. Roberta Pratt, Director of Technology Ms. Tess Harkin, Student Representative Mr. Eric Vazquez, Student Representative
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1.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance The meeting of the New Milford Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance
2.	Recognition A. SNIS student Wesley Hallock – Winner in the 2014 CHET Dream Big! Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Paddyfote introduced Wesley Hallock who was one of 63 student winners selected across Connecticut for his article on what his life would be like after college. B. NMHS Student Christina Stewart – Winner of a CHET <i>Advance</i> Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Paddyfote introduced Christina Stewart who received a \$2,500 scholarship. 	Recognition A. SNIS student Wesley Hallock – Winner in the 2014 CHET Dream Big! Competition B. NMHS Student Christina Stewart – Winner of a CHET <i>Advance</i> Scholarship

	The meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m. for photos of the recipients and reconvened at 7:42 p.m.	
3.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Schuette, a New Milford resident, spoke about the reconfiguration of grades and noted she is unhappy about the decision to close John Pettibone. She understood it was a monumental effort to reconfigure Sarah Noble when the new high school was built. She said at that time there was a growing population and the selling point was that the intermediate school would offer enhanced music, science and foreign language. She asked what the advantage would be now to reconfiguring the schools. She urged the Board to take its time. • Julie Learson, a New Milford resident, spoke about the roof repairs at Schaghticoke and the reconfiguration – she said the roof may not be done by August. She felt next year's 6th graders will be losing out on music programs too. • Sandi Jo Giancaspro, a New Milford resident, noted the lunch lines at Schaghticoke are very busy now and wondered if adding the 6th grade would mean the kids would have no time to actually eat. She said Connecticut state law requires that a child have 20 minutes to eat their meal once they get it. • Anne Marie Sarbello, a New Milford resident, asked the Board to slow down the process of reconfiguration. She said the Board needs to develop a good plan to make sure the kids benefit from the transition. She said her son will be going into 6th grade and will lose out on recess, music programs, and time to eat lunch. She said the students should just not "fit" into the building. • Sharon Chiarito, a New Milford resident, said the music program is different at Sarah Noble than it is at Schaghticoke and she wondered if the Board was planning on adding teachers to help with the 6th grade transition. 	Public Comment

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maggie Colangelo presented a letter to the Board on behalf of Kathy Flynn who could not be present. The letter said the children are not being adequately prepared for this transition. 	
4.	PTO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Romanello reported that school pictures are done and fall fundraisers are complete. She said they are looking for new ways to raise money. Pumpkins in the Dark is an upcoming event. People can purchase PTO discount cards which benefit the scholarship fund. Last year \$15,000 in scholarships was given to seniors. 	PTO Report
5.	Student Representatives' Report Tess Harkin and Eric Vazquez gave the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Open House was held at the high school on September 18th. The Spanish Honor Society held a blood drive September 26th. The band and color guard had a home show on September 27th. Spirit Week was last week. Senior Guidance Night was held October 9th. Homecoming was Saturday, October 11th. Auditions are being held for the Spanish Honor Society talent show. The National Honor Society induction ceremony will be October 20th. A band concert will be held October 23rd. A Financial Aid forum will be held November 5th. 	Student Representatives' Report
6.	Approval of Minutes A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Meeting Minutes September 9, 2014 Mr. Coppola moved to approve the regular	Approval of Minutes A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Meeting Minutes September 9, 2014 Motion made and passed to approve

	<p>meeting minutes of September 9, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lawson and passed 6-0-2. Aye: Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Shook, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Shaffer Abstain: Mr. Spatola, Mrs. Faulenbach</p>	<p>the regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2014.</p>
7.	<p>Superintendent's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote handed out the latest enrollment data. The overall district enrollment is down 134 students when comparing June 2014 and current enrollment as of October 1st. When comparing the 2014 projection with actual, the overall enrollment is down by 17 students. The K-3 enrollment is 17 below projection. Sarah Noble enrollment is 2 below projection. Schaghticoke is 6 below projection. NMHS is 8 above projection. • The Youth Agency intends to provide a before-and-after school program for Schaghticoke students. The program will be theme based and appropriate for middle school students in grades 6-8. 	<p>Superintendent's Report</p>
8.	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Shook said the Board's Annual Report for 2013-2014 had been distributed and she went over a few of the accomplishments including 166 students and 23 staff members receiving recognition, 18 policies approved, 11 new and revised curriculum approved, \$180,000 plus accepted from PTO and other donations, and receipt of \$1.5 million in grants. 	<p>Board Chairman's Report</p>
9.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Littlefield said they discussed roof repairs at Schaghticoke and noted that a significant outlay of cash would be needed for repairs. He said there are still questions to be answered but also wanted to hear from the Board as to any questions they had. 	<p>Committee Liaison Reports</p> <p>A. Facilities Sub-Committee</p>

<p>B. Operations Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Faulenbach said all of the items on the Operations Sub-Committee agenda were on tonight's agenda. <p>C. Policy Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Chastain said there were several policies on tonight's agenda to be approved. <p>D. Committee on Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lawson said they discussed the NEASC study and ACT/SAT test results. The 8th grade technical curriculum will be discussed at the next meeting and new courses will be explored at the high school level. <p>E. Education Connection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Coppola said mini-grants for teachers were available through Education Connection ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. The applications are due November 12th and advice from the granting body was that adding a parent component to a program would be considered somewhat favorably. <p>F. Connecticut Boards of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Faulenbach said Board members should have received an invitation to the November 14th -15th CABA conference and if they wanted to go they should RSVP to Pat Silverman. <p>G. Negotiations Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Littlefield said the Board and teachers' union did not come to agreement so the contract will go to arbitration. Mr. Coppola asked about the procedure for arbitration and Dr. Paddyfote said there will be three arbitrators – an administration rep, a teacher 	<p>B. Operations Sub-Committee</p> <p>C. Policy Sub-Committee</p> <p>D. Committee on Learning</p> <p>E. Education Connection</p> <p>F. Connecticut Boards of Education</p> <p>G. Negotiations Committee</p>
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	union rep, and a neutral arbitrator, and each side will present their final best offer.	
10.	DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION	DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
A.	Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 14, 2014 Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 14, 2014, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and passed unanimously.	A. Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 14, 2014 Motion made and passed unanimously to approve Exhibit A: Personnel — Certified, Non-Certified Appointments, Resignations and Leaves of Absence dated October 14, 2014.
B.	Monthly Reports 1. Purchase Resolution D-668 2. Budget Position as of September 30, 2014 3. Request for Budget Transfers Mr. Lawson moved to approve monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-668, Budget Position as of September 30, 2014, and request for budget transfers, seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lawson asked with the gas prices decreasing if that would impact the Board budget and Mr. Hubelbank said the Board had a fixed price. Mr. Lawson asked how things were looking budget-wise and Mr. Hubelbank felt all was on target. The motion passed unanimously.	B. Monthly Reports 1. Purchase Resolution D-668 2. Budget Position as of September 30, 2014 3. Request for Budget Transfers Motion made and passed unanimously to approve monthly reports: Purchase Resolution D-668, Budget Position as of September 30, 2014, and request for budget transfers.
C.	Gifts & Donations 1. PTO – Exhibit B 2. New Milford High School Band Parents Organization – Exhibit C 3. Goldring Family Foundation – Exhibit D	C. Gifts & Donations 1. PTO – Exhibit B 2. New Milford High School Band Parents Organization – Exhibit C 3. Goldring Family Foundation – Exhibit D

<p>Mr. Coppola moved to accept Gifts and Donations: PTO – Exhibit B in the amount of \$6,621.00, New Milford High School Band Parents Organization – Exhibit C in the amount of \$10,377.00 and Goldring Family Foundation – Exhibit D in the amount of \$48,617.00, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Coppola said he did not realize band parents paid for so much of the activities for the band program, and he thanked the PTO for its continuing support. • Mr. Lawson said the community support has been overwhelming over the years and for a vast array of programming including technology and the band. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Grant Approvals</p> <p>1. District Consolidated Grant</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to approve the District Consolidated Grant in the amount of \$337,822.00 and to authorize the Superintendent to approve all expenditures per the grant award, seconded by Mr. Shaffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Lawson asked if this was a competitive grant and Mr. Smith said it was an entitlement grant. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Title III Grant</p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the Title III Grant in the amount of \$19,810.00 and to authorize the Superintendent to approve all expenditures per the grant award, seconded by Mr. Shaffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Coppola asked if this was a one year grant and Mr. Smith said the Title III grant is annual and non-competitive. 	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to accept Gifts and Donations: PTO – Exhibit B in the amount of \$6,621.00, New Milford High School Band Parents Organization – Exhibit C in the amount of \$10,377.00 and Goldring Family Foundation – Exhibit D in the amount of \$48,617.00.</p> <p>D. Grant Approvals</p> <p>1. District Consolidated Grant</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the District Consolidated Grant in the amount of \$337,822.00 and to authorize the Superintendent to approve all expenditures per the grant award.</p> <p>2. Title III Grant</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Title III Grant in the amount of \$19,810.00 and to authorize the Superintendent to approve all expenditures per the grant award.</p>
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- Mr. Lawson asked if this was new this year and Mr. Smith said all three grants: I, II and III were received last year and this year the dollars are slightly higher.

The motion passed unanimously.

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<p>Seconded Mr. Littlefield.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Coppola said he understood most of these changes were required due to changes in the law and also asked about the regionalized calendar. • Dr. Paddyfote said the regionalized calendar has been delayed and there would be some leniency in scheduling when the regionalized calendar does go into effect. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>F. Textbook Approval – Grade 9</p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the following textbook for Grade 9: Tell the Wolves I’m Home, seconded by Mrs. Chastain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Coppola asked if this was a required selection or one that could be chosen and Mr. Smith said it was a book that could be selected. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>G. Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Amendment</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve the amendment to the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shaffer asked if the plan could be called something other than a cafeteria plan as it confuses people who think it is referring to the cafeteria where students eat. Mr. Hubelbank said it could be called a flexible spending account. • Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Faulenbach both noted this plan had no cost to the district and might ease up some administrative duties as well. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Services</p> <p>10. 6111 School Calendar</p> <p>11. 6142.1 Exemption from Instruction</p> <p>12. 6145.2 Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics.</p> <p>F. Textbook Approval – Grade 9</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the following textbook for Grade 9: Tell the Wolves I’m Home.</p> <p>G. Section 125 Cafeteria Plan Amendment</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the amendment to the Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.</p>
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	<p>H. Appointment of Medical Advisor</p> <p>Mr. Shaffer moved to appoint Dr. Evan R. Hack to the position of School District Medical Advisor, seconded by Mr. Coppola.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Lawson recused himself from the vote. <p>The motion passed 7-0-1. Aye: Mr. Spatola, Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. Faulenbach, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Shaffer Abstain: Mr. Lawson</p> <p>I. School Security and Safety Plans</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve the School Security and Safety Plans, seconded by Mr. Littlefield and passed unanimously.</p> <p>J. Activity Stipend Request 1. New Milford High School</p> <p>Mr. Coppola moved to approve the stipend position for Math Honor Society at New Milford High School, seconded by Mrs. Chastain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Shaffer asked what the qualifications are to join the Math Honor Society and Ms. Baldelli said the student has to have completed two years of college prep math, Algebra I, and Geometry at the honors level and get a 90 or above, 85 on AP level, and pay \$15 dues. Mr. Coppola asked if this was backed by a National Math Honor Society and Ms. Baldelli said it was. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>K. Memorandum of Understanding: Food Services and Emergency Shelter – Exhibit A</p>	<p>H. Appointment of Medical Advisor</p> <p>Motion made and passed to appoint Dr. Evan R. Hack to the position of School District Medical Advisor.</p> <p>I. School Security and Safety Plans</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the School Security and Safety Plans.</p> <p>J. Activity Stipend Request 1. New Milford High School</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the stipend position for Math Honor Society at New Milford High School.</p> <p>K. Memorandum of Understanding: Food Services and Emergency Shelter – Exhibit A</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously</p>
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	<p>Mrs. Chastain moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding: Food Services and Emergency Shelter – Exhibit A, seconded by Mr. Littlefield and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>to approve the Memorandum of Understanding: Food Services and Emergency Shelter – Exhibit A.</p>
11.	<p>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION</p> <p>A. Field Trip Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Coppola asked about the Science Grade 7 trips and Mr. Smith said this was a group working with an interdistrict collaborative grant through Education Connection. <p>B. SMS Roof Replacement Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hubelbank noted that at a meeting last week there were a series of questions regarding the roof repair project at Schaghticoke and he had sent a memo to the Board attempting to answer those questions. He said there were questions including should the roof be done in one shot, should the town seek state reimbursement, etc. Mr. Coppola said he understood this repair would wipe out the capital reserve if it was done in one shot. Mr. Hubelbank said there could be additional costs if this was done over a longer term in stages. Mr. Coppola asked if the decision had to be made by November and Mr. Hubelbank said if the bid was to be out by January then a decision would have to be made in November. Mr. Coppola said he thought the consultant was advising the Board not to go the state reimbursement route. Mr. Hubelbank said it might be worth looking at the state dollars. Mr. Lawson asked if there were any costs available yet and Mr. Hubelbank said there are only estimates of \$1.6 to \$2.2 million. Mr. Lawson said the Board needed to figure out where that money would come from and also to answer the PCB issues. 	<p>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION</p> <p>A. Field Trip Report</p> <p>B. SMS Roof Replacement Project</p>

- Mr. Shaffer asked how much was in the capital reserve fund and Dr. Paddyfote said after the audit there would be \$2.2 million.
- Mr. Shaffer asked how the money was taken from capital reserve and Mrs. Faulenbach noted that the Board of Education would make a request to the Town Council and the Board of Finance.
- Mr. Shaffer asked about the concern with PCBs and asbestos and Mr. Hubelbank said the caulking used at the time the roof was done would have contained PCBs.
- Mr. Littlefield said they are not sure the PCBs were indeed used. He said the caulking in the ceiling might have contained PCBs at the time the roof was built. He said it is not a hazard to the school but the liability comes in disposing of the product.
- Dr. Paddyfote said the attorney would have to research this issue but she had not requested that opinion until the Board made a decision as to how to proceed.
- Mr. Littlefield said if the town seeks the state reimbursement then the Board would be required to test for the PCBs and asbestos and the disposal fees could be a couple million dollars. He said regardless the project will be done correctly.
- Mr. Lawson asked if the Board wouldn't want to conduct the test anyway and Mrs. Shook said if the roof is going to be repaired correctly and properly why pay for the testing if it's not necessary.
- Mr. Spatola asked Mr. Hubelbank if he had thought about approaching the town for bonding given the low interest rates and Mr. Hubelbank said that would be explored as well.
- Mr. Shaffer asked who the gentleman was that spoke at the meeting and Mr. Calhoun said he represents the company that manufactures the roofing materials but that the installation would still have to be bid out. This company would guarantee the roof for 30 years.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hubelbank said the state bid is a consideration but so is the U.S. Commodities bid and this company is on the U.S. Commodities list. • Mr. Spatola asked if Mr. Calhoun had looked at other products and Mr. Calhoun said he had looked at a couple of different manufacturers and this was by far the strongest based on his research. • Mr. Littlefield noted this would be discussed again at the Facilities Sub-Committee and asked Board members to submit questions ahead of time so they could be answered that night. 	
C.	Letter to Mayor Murphy re: Project Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote noted this item was on the agenda per Mr. Coppola and Mr. Coppola said he had no problem with the request he just wanted the Board to have an opportunity to discuss it. 	C. Letter to Mayor Murphy re: Project Manager
D.	Superintendent's Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Paddyfote noted the goal list was ambitious but there were many things already underway and she would continue to refine and implement the goals. She said the biggest item would be to implement the redistricting and shutting down of John Pettibone. • Mr. Coppola asked if other people had some of these goals on their lists as well and Dr. Paddyfote said some people had some responsibility for some of the items including the teacher and leadership qualities, the strategy to include high quality instructors and the implementation and management of district resources. • Mr. Lawson noted that every goal was to be done over a three year period except for the biggest which was the redistricting and he found that troubling. 	D. Superintendent's Goals

<p>12.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>Interview and discuss candidate for the position of Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to interview and discuss the candidate for the position of Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School, and invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote and the candidate, seconded by Mrs. Chastain and passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Board and Dr. Paddyfote entered executive session at 8:49 p.m.</p> <p>The candidate entered executive session at 9:05 p.m. and left at 9:17 p.m.</p> <p>The Board returned to public session at 9:20 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>A. Interview and discuss candidate for the position of Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board enter into Executive Session to interview and discuss the candidate for the position of Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School, and invite into the session Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote and the candidate.</p>
<p>13.</p> <p>A.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Appointment of candidate to the position of Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School.</p> <p>Motion made by Mr. Littlefield that the Board of Education approve the appointment of:</p> <p>Mrs. Emily Gervasio – Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School and Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 17, 2014 or earlier if released from previous district.</p> <p>2014-2015 salary - \$107,827.40 \$106,327.40 (Step 1) + \$1,500 (6th year)</p> <p>Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>A. Appointment of candidate to the position of Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously that the Board of Education approve the appointment of:</p> <p>Mrs. Emily Gervasio – Assistant Principal for Sarah Noble Intermediate School and Schaghticoke Middle School effective November 17, 2014 or earlier if released from previous district.</p> <p>2014-2015 salary - \$107,827.40 \$106,327.40 (Step 1) + \$1,500 (6th year)</p>

<p>B. Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Shaffer said he would like committee reports for the usual monthly meetings to be extended to include discussions in case someone has a question on a report or the minutes. <p>Mr. Shaffer moved to add to the monthly agenda - Committee Reports and Discussion, seconded by Mr. Coppola.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Shaffer said, as an example, according to the minutes from the Facilities Sub-Committee there was discussion about playground equipment being removed and he felt some members of the Board might have a discussion about which equipment. He said he understood this Board structure went back to when Bob Guendelsberger was Chair.• Mrs. Chastain noted that every Board member is able to attend sub-committee meetings.• Mr. Coppola noted that members were not allowed to participate other than in public participation.• Mr. Lawson said if a Board member was not a sub-committee member they could not participate and he did not see any harm in adding discussion to the agenda.• Mr. Spatola said he has spoken to several of the Board members and was wondering if the underlying current was to do away with the sub-committees. Mr. Coppola said the sub-committees could not be eliminated because there was not enough time at Board meetings to do all the work that happened at those meetings.• Mrs. Faulenbach said this Board is very transparent. The Board is designed to have sub-committees, which allows each Board member two opportunities to address an issue, and they could contact the Chair of the sub-committee if they had questions. She said she never has had a Board member who	<p>B. Committee Reports</p> <p>Motion made to add to the monthly agenda - Committee Reports and Discussion.</p>
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	<p>felt their question was not addressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Littlefield noted that Board members are always getting e-mails clarifying questions and answers. • Mr. Lawson said it was not about getting questions answered it's about the discussion. • Mrs. Chastain said nothing is discussed at the sub-committee that is not discussed before the Board. • Mrs. Faulenbach also noted that if there was an item that a Board member wanted to add to the agenda they could do that. • Mrs. Shook said she could not support this because it would add time to the Board meetings. She noted that a discussion at the Committee on Learning about test scores would take another 45 minutes at the Board meeting for Mr. Smith to re-explain. <p>Mr. Lawson called the question, seconded by Mr. Coppola and passed unanimously.</p> <p>The motion failed 4-4. Aye: Mr. Spatola, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Shaffer No: Mr. Littlefield, Mrs. Chastain, Mrs. Shook, Mrs. Faulenbach</p>	<p>Motion made and passed unanimously to call the question.</p> <p>The main motion failed.</p>
14.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Coppola and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Angela Chastain
Secretary
New Milford Board of Education