

New Milford Board of Education

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2023

Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

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Present:	Mr. Pete Helmus, Chairperson Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mrs. Tammy McInerney Mr. Tom O'Brien Mrs. Sarah Herring Mr. Brian McCauley Mrs. Olga I. Rella Mayor Pete Bass, <i>ex-officio</i>
Absent:	Mrs. Leslie Sarich Mr. Eric Hansell

Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Ms. Holly Hollander, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mrs. Teresa Kavanagh, Director of Human Services Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Fiscal Services and Operations
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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 Mr. Pete Helmus, Chairperson. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the call to order.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2.	A.	Public Comment None	Public Comment
3.	A.	PTO Report Mr. Helmus stated Megan Byrd could not attend but provided an email that Mr. Helmus would read during the Board Chairman's Report.	PTO Report
4.	A.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: 1. July 18, 2023 Minutes <i>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the July 18, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Mr. O'Brien.</i>	APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. Approval of the following Board of Education Meeting Minutes: 1. July 18, 2023 Minutes Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the July 18, 2023 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5.	A.	<p>SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATE</p> <p><i>Mr. Helmus moved to enter into executive session to discuss the School Security Update. Invited into executive session were Pete Helmus, Wendy Faulenbach, Tammy McInerney, Sarah Herring, Brian McCauley, Tom O'Brien, Olga Rella, Superintendent Dr. Janet Parlato, New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, Chief of the New Milford Police Department Spencer Cerruto, Deputy Chief Wilcoxson, Lieutenant Grabner, and Lieutenant Wheeler. Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</i></p> <p><i>Amendment to motion to add Mr. Matthew Cunningham, NMPS Facilities Director.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley pulled the main motion. Mr. O'Brien pulled the second motion.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to enter into executive session to discuss the School Security Update. Invited into executive session were Pete Helmus, Wendy Faulenbach, Tammy McInerney, Sarah Herring, Brian McCauley, Tom O'Brien, Olga Rella, Superintendent Dr. Janet Parlato, New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, Chief of the New Milford Police Department Spencer Cerruto, Deputy Chief Wilcoxson, Lieutenant Grabner, Lieutenant Wheeler, and Mr. Matt Cunningham, Facilities Director. Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</i></p> <p><i>The Board entered executive session at 7:04pm.</i></p> <p><i>The Board returned to public session at 8:10pm.</i></p>	<p>SCHOOL SECURITY UPDATE</p> <p>Motion made to enter into executive session to discuss School Security Update. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
6.	A.	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p> <p>Dr. Parlato stated she is excited to start a new year. There will be a kickoff email going out to families and staff soon. As a reminder, the first two days of school are early dismissal for students. Dr. Parlato noted the facilities department has done a tremendous amount of work and thanked them for all they did over the summer. The administrators had a two-day retreat, giving them an opportunity to engage in professional learning. The year will center around focus, heart, collaboration, and creativity. Dr.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p>

		Parlato thanked the New Milford PD for reviewing security procedures and Mr. Cunningham for keeping protocols updated in the schools. Dr. Parlato also thanked the school resource officers and armed security officers in each school.	
7.	A.	<p>BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</p> <p>Mr. Helmus asked if any of the Board members would be willing to be Ad Hoc Committee volunteers to put together a proposal on what Central Office needs for a permanent home. The Ad Hoc committee will review the current and future needs, and have full recommendations by November.</p> <p>Mr. Helmus stated Mrs. Byrd wrote an email and asked the Board to consider attending Town-Wide PTO meetings, as it has been done in the past. Mr. Helmus agrees it is a good tradition to restart.</p> <p>Mr. Helmus stated that he wanted to set target dates for several reports. By October there should be a full understanding of progress of ESSER funds, including expenditures and how it impacts students. One main goal is to have a review of the Student Based Health Centers. These were originally funded by ESSER funds but should become self supporting once those funds are depleted.</p> <p>Mr. Helmus announced he no longer can devote enough time to fulfill the obligations of the Chairperson of the Board of Education and resigned his position. According to board bylaws, the Vice Chairman assumes the duties as Chairperson of the New Milford Board of Education. Mr. Helmus thanked everyone and thanked Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach for assuming the role.</p>	BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
8.	A.	<p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated July 31, 2023 2. Purchase Resolution: D-773 3. Request for Budget Transfers <p>Mrs. Faulenbach stated there were concerns in the previous Operations meeting regarding Special</p>	<p>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>A. Monthly Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Position dated July 31, 2023 2. Purchase Resolution: D-773 3. Request for Budget Transfers

	<p>Education spending and asked Mr. Giovannone to clarify. Mr. Giovannone stated the Special Education encumbrances are not exceeding budget. Dr. Parlato asked if the district was over the budget for Special Education and Mr. Giovannone stated it was not. For some vendors, year-long purchase orders are encumbered, the district pays those vendors by the month as the year goes on and invoices are received.</p> <p><i>Mrs. McLnerney moved to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated 7/31/23; Purchase Resolution: D-773; and Request for Budget Transfers. Seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach.</i></p> <p>B. 2023-24 Phase of 5 Year Capital Plan</p> <p>Mayor Bass asked Mr. Turner to find out exactly what funds were used to pay for the previous chromebooks. The ESSER fund uses federal dollars, but the money coming from the 5 Year Capital Plan are town taxpayer dollars. Mayor Bass asked if families signed off on the Chromebooks when they were first given out. Mr. Turner stated yes. Mayor Bass asked if the Chromebook breaks, does the student/family pay for it. Mr. Turner stated, if it is accidental, it may be covered under a three-year warranty, otherwise the family is charged for the replacement. Mayor Bass asked how the forms are found and how they are signed. Mr. Turner stated it is online under the Technology area.</p> <p>Mr. Faulenbach recalled during Covid, the Board helped hand out chromebooks and remembers parents having to fill out forms.</p> <p>Mayor Bass asked if Chromebook chargers are under the same policy. Mr. Turner stated yes, the family is usually charged \$30 or market price. Mayor Bass asked if the funds are sent to accounting and if the revenue can be seen somewhere. Mr. Turner stated there is a line item for Chromebook parts. Mayor Bass asked if there was a way to let parents know the expectations when</p>	<p>Motion made to approve monthly reports: Budget Position dated 7/31/23; Purchase Resolution: D-773; and Request for Budget Transfers. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. 2023-24 Phase of 5 Year Capital Plan</p>
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	<p>picking up a new Chromebook. Mr. Turner stated the district has the parent fill out the Acceptable Use Policy, some districts offer third party insurance, but that is very costly and he has found fixing the chromebooks in house to be much more cost effective. Mr. Turner also stated he is working with ECF, a federal grant program. The district has been waiting for approximately 16 months to hear if they have been awarded any money. There should hopefully be a reply in a few weeks. If it comes through, it will cover the cost of 3,425 chromebooks, which means the district may not have to spend the money allocated for Chromebooks in the 5 Year Capital Plan. Mrs. Faulenbach wanted to clarify that if the 5 Year Capital Plan is approved, with the line item for chromebooks, it does not mean the district has to use those funds, which can be returned to the capital reserve account.</p> <p><i>Mrs. McInerney moved to approve the 2023 - 24 Phase of the 5 Year Capital Plan. Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</i></p>	
C.	<p>Policies for Approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1005 Smoking 2. 4111 Hiring of Certified Staff 3. 4111.1 / 4211.1 Non-Discrimination (Personnel) 4. 4112.5 / 4212.5 Employment and Student Teacher Background Checks 5. 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism 6. 4115.1 / 4215.1 Evaluation, Termination, and Non-Renewal of Athletic Coaches 7. 4116 Plan for Minority Educator Recruitment 8. 4118.112 / 4218.112 Policy Regarding Employees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 9. 4118.113 / 4218.113 Policy Regarding Sexual Harassment and Sexual Discrimination in the Workplace (Personnel) 10. 4118.23 / 4218.23 Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Personnel 	<p>Motion made to approve 2023-24 Phase of 5 Year Capital Plan. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Policies for Approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1005 Smoking 2. 4111 Hiring of Certified Staff 3. 4111.1 / 4211.1 Non-Discrimination (Personnel) 4. 4112.5 / 4212.5 Employment and Student Teacher Background Checks 5. 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism 6. 4115.1 / 4215.1 Evaluation, Termination, and Non-Renewal of Athletic Coaches 7. 4116 Plan for Minority Educator Recruitment 8. 4118.112 / 4218.112 Policy Regarding

		<p>11. 4118.231 / 4218.231 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-free Workplace</p> <p>12. 4118.234 / 4218.234 Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs</p> <p>13. 4118.25 / 4218.25 Reports of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees</p> <p>14. 4120 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder</p> <p>15. 4131 / 4231 Social Media</p> <p>16. 4132 / 4232 Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics</p> <p>17. 4152.6 / 4252.6 Family and Medical Leave</p> <p>18. 4211 Hiring of Non-Certified Staff</p>	<p>Employees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990</p> <p>9. 4118.113 / 4218.113 Policy Regarding Sexual Harassment and Sexual Discrimination in the Workplace (Personnel)</p> <p>10. 4118.23 / 4218.23 Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility for Personnel</p> <p>11. 4118.231 / 4218.231 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-free Workplace</p> <p>12. 4118.234 / 4218.234 Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs</p> <p>13. 4118.25 / 4218.25 Reports of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees</p> <p>14. 4120 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Adults with an Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder</p> <p>15. 4131 / 4231 Social Media</p> <p>16. 4132 / 4232 Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness for Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics</p> <p>17. 4152.6 / 4252.6 Family and Medical Leave</p> <p>18. 4211 Hiring of Non-Certified Staff</p>
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		<p><i>Mrs. Rella moved to approve the Policies for Approval. Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</i></p> <p>Mrs. McInerney stated in the recent Policy meeting there was discussion concerning the Nepotism policy and pushed the Board for a more extensive conversation, especially since it is not mandated. Mrs. McInerney suggested pushing it back to the Policy Subcommittee, and having the Superintendent and Policy Chair suggest new language. Mrs. Faulenbach stated this is a discretionary policy and not required by state statute. Mrs. Faulenbach asked if there was a time constraint to have this particular policy approved. Dr. Parlato stated no, it just stops the Policy Subcommittee from finishing up the revision of the 4000 series. Mrs. Faulenbach supported sending it back to the Policy Subcommittee to have it revised, Mrs. Rella, Subcommittee Chair, agreed.</p> <p><i>Amendment to motion to pull policy 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism from the vote.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley pulled the main motion.</i> <i>Mrs. Rella pulled the second motion.</i></p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the Policies for Approval with exception of Policy 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism. Seconded by Mrs. Rella.</i></p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach asked Board members to reach out to the Policy Subcommittee with ideas or recommendations for new language for the Nepotism policy prior to the next Policy Subcommittee meeting.</p>	
	<p>D.</p>	<p>Policies Recommended for Deletion upon Approval of Above Policies in Item 8.C.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4000 Concepts & Roles in Personnel 2. 4111 / 4211 Recruitment and Selection 3. 4111.1 / 4211.1 Non-Discrimination Employees 4. 4111.1 / 4211.1 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Regulation 5. 4112.2 Certification 	<p>Motion made to approve Policies for Approval with exception of Policy 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>D. Policies Recommended for Deletion upon Approval of Above Policies in Item 8.C.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4000 Concepts & Roles in Personnel 2. 4111 / 4211 Recruitment and Selection 3. 4111.1 / 4211.1 Non-Discrimination Employees

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. 4112.5 / 4212.5 Security Check Fingerprinting Regulation 7. 4112.5 / 4212.5 Criminal History Inquiries & Employment Reference Checks 8. 4112.4 / 4212.4 Physical Examinations 9. 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism 10. 4112.9 / 4212.9 Outside Employment 11. 4115 Evaluations 12. 4115.1 Athletic Coaches Evaluations and Termination 13. 4116 Employment at Will 14. 4117.41 Employee Discipline 15. 4118.112 / 4218.112 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment 16. 4118.113 / 4218.113 Title IX Sexual Harassment 17. 4118.13 / 4218.13 Conflict of Interest 18. 4118.21 Academic Freedom 19. 4118.23 / 4218.23 Conduct 20. 4118.231 / 4218.231 Drug and Alcohol Use Policy and Regulation 21. 4118.232 / 4218.232 Smoking 22. 4118.233 / 4218.233 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments 23. 4118.234 / 4218.234 Psychotropic Drug Use 24. 4118.25 / 4218.25 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect 25. 4118.5 / 4218.5 Electronic Monitoring 26. 4120 Employee Classifications 27. 4121 Substitute Teachers 28. 4131 Professional Development 29. 4132 Publication or Creation of Materials 30. 4133 / 4233 Travel; Reimbursement 31. 4135.1 / 4234.1 Agreement 32. 4135.4 / 4234.4 Grievances/Complaints 33. 4141 Salary Guides 34. 4147 / 4247 Employee Safety 35. 4147.1 / 4247.1 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens 36. 4148 / 4248 Employee Protection 37. 4152.6 / 4252.6 Personal Family and Medical Leave Policy and Regulation 38. 4155 / 4255 Military Leave 39. 4212.42 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 4111.1 / 4211.1 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Regulation 5. 4112.2 Certification 6. 4112.5 / 4212.5 Security Check Fingerprinting Regulation 7. 4112.5 / 4212.5 Criminal History Inquiries & Employment Reference Checks 8. 4112.4 / 4212.4 Physical Examinations 9. 4112.8 / 4212.8 Nepotism 10. 4112.9 / 4212.9 Outside Employment 11. 4115 Evaluations 12. 4115.1 Athletic Coaches Evaluations and Termination 13. 4116 Employment at Will 14. 4117.41 Employee Discipline 15. 4118.112 / 4218.112 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment 16. 4118.113 / 4218.113 Title IX Sexual Harassment 17. 4118.13 / 4218.13 Conflict of Interest 18. 4118.21 Academic Freedom 19. 4118.23 / 4218.23 Conduct 20. 4118.231 / 4218.231 Drug and Alcohol Use Policy and Regulation 21. 4118.232 / 4218.232 Smoking 22. 4118.233 / 4218.233 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
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		40. 4215 Evaluations (Non-Certified)	<p>23. 4118.234 / 4218.234 Psychotropic Drug Use</p> <p>24. 4118.25 / 4218.25 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect</p> <p>25. 4118.5 / 4218.5 Electronic Monitoring</p> <p>26. 4120 Employee Classifications</p> <p>27. 4121 Substitute Teachers</p> <p>28. 4131 Professional Development</p> <p>29. 4132 Publication or Creation of Materials</p> <p>30. 4133 / 4233 Travel; Reimbursement</p> <p>31. 4135.1 / 4234.1 Agreement</p> <p>32. 4135.4 / 4234.4 Grievances/Complaints</p> <p>33. 4141 Salary Guides</p> <p>34. 4147 / 4247 Employee Safety</p> <p>35. 4147.1 / 4247.1 Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens</p> <p>36. 4148 / 4248 Employee Protection</p> <p>37. 4152.6 / 4252.6 Personal Family and Medical Leave Policy and Regulation</p> <p>38. 4155 / 4255 Military Leave</p> <p>39. 4212.42 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers</p> <p>40. 4215 Evaluations (Non-Certified)</p> <p>Motion made to approve Policies Recommended for Deletion upon Approval of Above Policies in Item 8.C., with the exception of Policy 4112.8 / 4212.8</p>
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	<p>E.</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CP Children's Literature 2. Honors Children's Literature 3. Accelerated Math <p>Mrs. McInerney stated she was appreciative of the curriculum writing and vetting process. Seeing what goes into putting curriculum together, there is a lot of work that happens. Mrs. McInerney stated she is happy to see a well defined accelerated math program and thanked Ms. Hollander for all her work.</p> <p><i>Mr. McCauley moved to approve the following Curriculum: CP Children's Literature, Honors Children's Literature and Accelerated Math, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.</i></p>	<p>Nepotism. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>E. Curriculum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CP Children's Literature 2. Honors Children's Literature 3. Accelerated Math <p>Motion made to approve CP Children's Literature, Honors Children's Literature and Accelerated Math. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
9.	<p>A.</p> <p>ITEMS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>Regulations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4111 R / 4211 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Discrimination Complaints (Personnel) 2. 4118.112 R / 4218.112 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Employees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 3. 4118.113 R / 4218.113 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace (Personnel) 4. 4121 R / 4221 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Concussion Management and Training for Athletic Coaches 5. 4131 R / 4231 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Social Media 	<p>ITEMS OF INFORMATION</p> <p>A. Regulations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4111 R / 4211 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Discrimination Complaints (Personnel) 2. 4118.112 R / 4218.112 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Employees and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 3. 4118.113 R / 4218.113 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace (Personnel)

		<p>6. 4147.1 R/ 4247.1 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Bloodborne Pathogens</p>	<p>4. 4121 R / 4221 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Concussion Management and Training for Athletic Coaches</p> <p>5. 4131 R / 4231 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Social Media</p> <p>6. 4147.1 R/ 4247.1 R Administrative Regulations Regarding Bloodborne Pathogens</p>
	<p>B.</p>	<p>Dr. Parlato stated that the regulations are ways that schools implement policies voted on and approved. Regulations are how the district does business based on adopted policy.</p> <p>Employment Report - August 2023</p> <p>Mrs. Kavanaugh stated the district is actively recruiting. There are 24 teachers coming for new hire orientation, some returning to New Milford, and they are actively recruiting for any positions still open. Mrs. Rella asked how the situation was with hiring Spanish teachers. Mrs. Kavanaugh stated she is still recruiting. Dr. Parlato stated the district has been aggressively seeking world language teachers and no stone has been left unturned. Mrs. Rella asked if the district tried to ask retirees to return. Mrs. Kavanaugh stated they have. In the state, there are currently 150 open world language positions. New Milford has posted the positions widely and to various agencies. Unfortunately not a lot of people are going into world languages. Mrs. Rella asked what the plan is if there are not enough teachers. Dr. Parlato stated she will provide a solidified plan by Friday. Mr. Helmus stated it is a problem for all of Connecticut, creating a free market condition, with increasing pay scales, causing districts to hire above normal contract rates.</p>	<p>B. Employment Report - August 2023</p>

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	<p>Mrs. McInerney asked how many positions the district is looking to fill across all open positions. Mrs. Kavanaugh stated seven, including Spanish, but there are people currently being interviewed.</p>	
C.	<p>Enrollment Report - August, 2023 Dr. Parlato stated the August report does not give a complete story, with last minute enrollment happening this week and next week. The district will see a more concrete number in September.</p>	C. Enrollment Report - July 7, 2023
D.	<p>Central Office Update Mr. Cunningham stated Facilities has moved all requested offices and classrooms. They have added card swipes on stairwell doors. There are no physical alterations done to the building, besides putting in doors. Dr. Parlato appreciated the quick work of Facilities. Mrs. Faulenbach asked for the timeframe of when everything will be finished. Mr. Cunningham stated he is hoping soon, since the work is straightforward. Once they get a contractor, it will be quick and some elements of the doors can be done in house.</p>	D. Central Office Update
E.	<p>NMHS Updates: 1. NMHS Woodshop HVAC Landmark Facilities Group has to give a scope of work to begin construction, which includes moving the dust collector outside and arranging the return. Mr. Helmus asked when the RFP will be out. Mr. Cunningham stated he hopes soon. Once out, it goes to legal, it will then be posted. Mr. O'Brien asked if this work can be done during the school year. Mr. Cunningham stated yes, but mostly done as second shift. The key is to get the dust collection outside. Mr. O'Brien asked if it can be done while school is in session. Mr. Cunningham confirmed it can be.</p> <p>2. Roof Project Mr. Cunningham stated, weather permitting, the roof will be done next week. Construction is on schedule and the equipment will be off campus by the beginning of the school year. Mr. Helmus asked about an update on the fasteners. Mr. Cunningham</p>	<p>E. NMHS Updates: 1. NMHS Woodshop HVAC</p> <p>2. Roof Project</p>

	<p>stated it is still being assessed and whatever is proposed to remedy the situation, everyone must be comfortable with. Mr. Helmus asked if there was a date for that. Mr. Cunningham stated no, it is uncharted waters.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach asked about the reimbursement. Mr. Giovannone stated that last week Dr. Parlato reached out to CIRMA and is hoping the claim will be wrapped up this week. There was a revised statement of loss, and they do not have that yet.</p> <p>3. Gym Ceilings</p> <p>Mr. Cunningham stated the large gym was done this week. Next week the floor will be refinished. Once the large gym is done work will begin on the smaller gym. Mr. Helmus confirmed the full redoing of the gym floor will happen early next summer.</p> <p>4. NV5/ESG Update</p> <p>Mr. Cunningham stated all the work needed is done and now just waiting on Eversource information. Sarah Noble should happen this week or next week. Mr. Helmus asked if there was a financial report. Mr. Giovannone stated not at this time. Mr. Helmus stated there is an expectation of a payment due from the Board and confirmed the district will have the necessary information before it is due. Mr. Giovannone stated yes.</p>	
F.	<p>End of Year Projects</p> <p>Mr. Cunningham stated several projects took place this summer. There are new blinds at Hill and Plain School. At Sarah Noble, flooring tiles, painting, sheetrock have been updated, and the ventilators were completely cleaned. The middle school had 70 classrooms moved, new handrails installed, and all the schools have lined/numbered parking spaces. Central Office has also been moved. Mr. Helmus thanked Facilities for all their work.</p>	F. End Year Projects
G.	<p>Summer School</p> <p>Dr. Parlato turned the meeting over to Ms. Hollander. Ms. Hollander stated they had a very successful summer. The Summer Learning Lab was specifically geared to help with phonics needs. The</p>	G. Summer School

	<p>summer administrators did an amazing job. Ms. Hollander mentioned that New Milford does not charge anything for summer school, but other districts do, which can help cover costs. Mr. McCauley asked what percentage of kids attended. Ms. Hollander stated all invited attended, except for one. The expectations were clear and students would receive phone calls if they did not come. Mrs. Faulenbach asked how many students attended. Ms. Hollander stated for credit recovery, it was just under 50 and for Summer Learning Lab, it was over 70. The district used the data points from iReady to know where students were struggling and where the focus should be for the summer. Students were identified early so families could plan for the summer. Mrs. Faulenbach stated it is huge to be able to reach out to families early so they can prepare and asked what other districts charge. Ms. Hollander stated it is around \$300. Mrs. Faulenbach stated she remembered when the Board cut summer school from the budget and thinks it is critical to have it. Ms. Hollander stated the struggle is to get everyone to take it seriously and the fee would only be for credit recovery. Dr. Parlato stated it shows how the district has utilized the data points to reduce the guesswork so they can be focused on what skills students need.</p>	
H.	<p>Early College Experience/Dual Enrollment Ms. Hollander stated this affords students to gain college credit. Dr. Dwyer and Mr. Manka secured grant dollars to increase dual enrollment offerings. The program is at the stage of investigating, including what it means for faculty to be college instructors. Teachers can utilize their educational backgrounds to offer a college credit class taught in the high school. Dr. Parlato stated the district was awarded over \$50,000.</p>	H. Early College ExperienceDual Enrollment
I.	<p>Pegpetia/PURA grant Mr. Turner stated the district received \$91,000, which is the maximum that can be awarded. It is non-matching from PURA. The funds will go towards the high school theater, allow for TV's in each school and more. The funds will allow the schools to change old VHS files to an on-demand</p>	I. Pegpetia/PURA grant

		program. There is a plan to do a small TV studio at Sarah Noble, making better quality morning announcements, and allowing for author visits. Town municipalities can apply for this PURA grant as well.	
10.		ADJOURN <i>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Seconded by Mr. McCauley.</i>	ADJOURN Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Tammy McInerney
Assistant Secretary
New Milford Board of Education