

New Milford Board of Education
Operations Sub-Committee Special Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2024 6:45pm
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center

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Present:	Mr. Eric Hansell, Chairperson Mr. Tom O'Brien Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. Brian McCauley
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Absent:	
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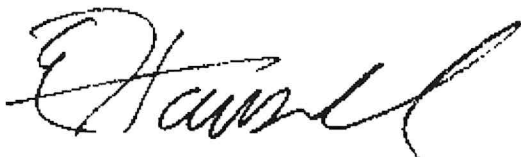
Also Present:	Dr. Janet Parlato, Superintendent of Schools Mr. Jeffrey Turner, Technology Director Mr. Anthony Giovannone, Director of Finance Mrs. Teresa Kavanagh, Director of Human Services Mr. Matthew Cunningham, Facilities Director
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1.		Call to Order The New Milford Board of Education Operations Subcommittee was called to order at 6:45pm by Mr. Eric Hansell, Chairperson.	Call to Order
2.		Public Comment There was none.	Public Comment
3.	A.	Discussion and Possible Action Monthly Reports 1. Budget Position dated November 30, 2024 2. Purchase Resolution D-789 3. Request for Budget Transfers Budget Position dated November 30, 2024: Mr. Giovannone stated the budget position shows a used percent balance of 95.09%. Last year, during the same time period, we were at 94.04%. Page 1 shows unspent health insurance money after what was transferred last month. Page 2 shows two areas that are overdrawn, these have been discussed previously. There is no recommendation for a transfer at this time. One is for pupil services. This is overdrawn because of the 2 nursing agreements. The second is for the CoGen maintenance agreement at the high school. The first year was waived. The second year and beyond is our responsibility, and there is an increasing cost each year. This will require a transfer from electricity savings.	Discussion and Possible Action A. Monthly Reports 1. Budget Position dated November 30, 2024 2. Purchase Resolution D-789 3. Request for Budget

		<p>Mr. Hansell asked if the district would be negatively impacted if the price of electricity goes down regarding the CoGen units. Mr. Cunningham replied that the electricity only serves the high school, and never goes back to the grid. With the cost of electricity going down, the cost of natural gas would go up. Natural gas has been relatively inexpensive. It creates thermal energy and heat, we use that for the hot water in the building and is the co-system of the CoGen.</p> <p>Mr. O'Brien asked how much electricity it provides to the high school. Mr. Cunningham stated, there has not been enough time to measure a full year. Mr. O'Brien asked if the district was provided an estimate at the beginning of the project. Mr. Cunningham replied that they were told it would generate \$70,000 worth of savings. There is a maintenance cost of \$28,000, so the net savings would be around \$50,000.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenach asked if the funds that were approved for the website are reflected in the report. Mr. Giovannone stated yes, it was reduced from the original \$282,292. Mrs. Faulenbach asked where the district was the year prior, vs. the 95.09%. Mr. Giovannone stated we were at 94.04%. Mrs. Faulenbach noted we are also plus on roughly \$340,000 in the insurance line.</p> <p>Purchase Resolution D-789 No discussion.</p> <p>Request for Budget Transfers No discussion.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to approve the Operations Subcommittee monthly reports to the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. McCauley. The motion passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p>Motion passed to approve the Operations Subcommittee monthly reports to the Board of Education. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
4.	A.	<p>Items of Information Employment Report - December 2024</p> <p>Mrs. Kavanaugh stated they have 4 new hires and there are currently no open certified positions not</p>	<p>Items of Information A. Employment Report - December 2024</p>

	<p>being filled internally, or currently filled. There are 3 offers out for para positions. Stewart Day is retiring after 43 years with Grounds and Maintenance.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach asked how many non-certified positions were open. Mrs. Kavanaugh stated there are 3 in food service, 2 in facilities, 3 para educator positions open (hopefully soon to be filled), and a few secretary positions.</p> <p>B. Enrollment Report - December 2, 2024 Dr. Parlato stated Northville and Hill and Plain schools have larger than expected pre-kindergarten students and fewer kindergarteners. This is due to the new legislation. 1st and 2nd grades are close to projected. Sarah Noble Intermediate School has an increase for 3rd grade. 4th and 5th grades are close to the projected number. Schaghticoke Middle School saw an increase for 6th grade, and 7th and 8th grade numbers are close to projected. Last year the district saw a hemorrhaging of students leaving the middle school, this shows a lot has changed. Dr. Parlato stated all the grades for New Milford High School are close, or within a margin of error that is acceptable.</p> <p>Mr. Hansell stated the numbers for Schaghticoke are a good indicator of how things are going.</p>	<p>B. Enrollment Report - December 2, 2024</p>
5.	<p>Public Comment There was none.</p>	<p>Public Comment</p>
6.	<p>Adjourn <i>Mr. O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm, seconded by Mr. McCauley and passed unanimously.</i></p>	<p>Adjourn Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



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Chairman, Operations Subcommittee