

**New Milford Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015
Sarah Noble Intermediate School Cafeteria**

Present:	Mrs. Angela C. Chastain, Chairperson Mr. Robert Coppola Mrs. Wendy Faulenbach Mr. David A. Lawson Mr. Dave Littlefield (arrived at 8:20 p.m.) Mr. David R. Shaffer Mr. John W. Spatola Mrs. Theresa Volinski
Absent:	Mrs. Daniele Shook

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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 Members of the New Milford Town Council and Board of Finance
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1.	Call to Order A. Pledge of Allegiance The meeting 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.	Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council, Board of Education and the Board of Finance A. Consultant's presentation of Feasibility Study findings conducted for the Ad Hoc Turf Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For details see Town of New Milford January 12, 2015 Minutes for Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council, Board of Education, and the Board of Finance. 	Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council, Board of Education and the Board of Finance A. Consultant's presentation of Feasibility Study findings conducted for the Ad Hoc Turf Committee
3.	Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Town of New Milford January 12, 2015 Minutes for Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council, Board of Education, and the Board of Finance. 	Public Comment

4.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action by the Town Council</p> <p>A. Discussion and possible action, by the Town Council, relating to the proposed turf field project going forward or not and authorizing the Mayor to take further action consistent therewith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For details see Town of New Milford January 12, 2015 Minutes for Special Joint Meeting of the Town Council, Board of Education, and the Board of Finance. <p>Mr. Spatola left the meeting at 9:42 p.m. and returned at 9:47 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action by the Town Council</p> <p>A. Discussion and possible action, by the Town Council, relating to the proposed turf field project going forward or not and authorizing the Mayor to take further action consistent therewith.</p>
5.	<p>Recess and Relocation to First Floor Gym</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board of Education recessed at 10:03 p.m. to relocate to the First Floor Gym and reconvened at 10:10 p.m. 	<p>Recess and Relocation to First Floor Gym</p>
6.	<p>Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was none. 	<p>Public Comment</p>
7.	<p>Discussion and Possible Action by the Board of Education</p> <p>A. Authorization for the Town of New Milford to access school property as necessary for the installation of a turf field or fields and to further authorize the Board Chair to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding such, subject to any further necessary legal review.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to authorize the Town of New Milford to access school property as necessary for the installation of a turf field or fields and to further authorize the Board Chair to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding such, subject to any further necessary legal review,</p>	<p>Discussion and Possible Action by the Board of Education</p> <p>A. Authorization for the Town of New Milford to access school property as necessary for the installation of a turf field or fields and to further authorize the Board Chair to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding such, subject to any further necessary legal review.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to authorize the Town of New Milford to access school property as necessary for the installation of a turf field or fields and to further authorize the Board</p>

<p>seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Lawson said he had already expressed his approval for this project and was ready to vote.• Mr. Littlefield agreed.• Mrs. Volinski asked about the timing of the project. Mrs. Faulenbach said it depended on the bid process but that the goal, if approved, was to finish most of the project for the Fall 2015 season.• Mr. Spatola said he was in favor of the project but thought the vote might be premature as the project might not have been approved yet.• Mrs. Faulenbach said the motion was only to authorize access and was not dependent on funding.• Mr. Coppola said he was in favor of the vote so that we will be ready if and when the project does go through. He asked to hear the Athletic Director's thoughts on the project.• Athletic Director Lipinsky said he was incredibly proud of the student athletes, coaches and community members who came out to support this issue which he fully supports. He says turf fields will be a tremendous improvement to the program and a valuable service to athletes.• Mr. Coppola asked for clarification regarding community use. Mr. Lipinsky said the plan was to provide for community sports organization use in the evening after 6:30 p.m. and on the weekends where available.• Mr. Spatola asked who would approve the specific community use. Mr. Calhoun said all requests would go through the usual building use process. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Faulenbach moved to authorize the Board Chair to execute the memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Board, subject to any further necessary legal review, seconded by Mr. Lawson.</p>	<p>Chair to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding such, subject to any further necessary legal review.</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to authorize the Board Chair to execute the memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Board, subject to any further necessary legal review.</p>
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	<p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. Board of Education letter to legislators regarding the regional calendar</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to approve sending a letter from Board of Education members to legislators regarding the regional calendar, seconded by Mr. Shaffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Chastain thanked Mr. Shaffer for taking the lead in preparing this letter. • Mr. Shaffer said he has been told that there is a lot of discussion at the legislative level to review the idea of the regional calendar. • Mr. Lawson said he would encourage the Board to send this in the form of a resolution as well for added weight. Mrs. Chastain asked for a volunteer to do that for the next meeting. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Sending Town Agreement for the Shepaug Regional Agriscience Program</p> <p>Mr. Lawson moved to approve the Sending Town Agreement for the Shepaug Regional Agriscience Program and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Board Chair to sign a memorandum of agreement regarding such, seconded by Mrs. Volinski.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Coppola asked for the number of students enrolled in the current program. Mr. Smith said it was approximately 25. • Mr. Coppola said he liked the idea as Shepaug is closer for students in our area. He asked if there was additional information that could be shared. • Dr. Paddyfote said that tuition will be the same. Any student who starts at Nonnewaug can finish there. She said the proposed program is in the very initial stages of set up. This 	<p>B. Board of Education letter to legislators regarding the regional calendar</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve sending a letter from Board of Education members to legislators regarding the regional calendar.</p> <p>C. Sending Town Agreement for the Shepaug Regional Agriscience Program</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to approve the Sending Town Agreement for the Shepaug Regional Agriscience Program and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Board Chair to sign a memorandum of agreement regarding such.</p>
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	<p>agreement is just one of many pieces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Spatola said he was in favor of this type of STEM program but asked about the subjective nature of the selection process. Mr. Hubelbank said the process typically involves an essay, interview, and letters of recommendation as well as academic standing.• Mr. Coppola said he was in favor of this program as another option for our students that we do not provide in New Milford. <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
8.	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Mr. Spatola moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Faulenbach and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Motion made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted:



Wendy Faulenbach
Secretary
New Milford Board of Education