

# NEW MILFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SPECIAL MEETING

### A G E N D A

**TUESDAY  
JULY 20, 2021**

**6:30 P.M.**

**HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER**

#### *New Milford Public School District Mission Statement*

*The New Milford Public School District provides relevant, innovative and rigorous educational opportunities to students at all grade levels.*

*The District is resolute in its attention to the development of the whole child by providing a comprehensive range of experiences essential to building capacity for independent and responsible living.*

*Aligned with Frameworks for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, the program is designed to prepare all students to meet or exceed state and national educational standards. Students will be prepared to think critically, master the challenges of life-long academic, cultural, social, economic, emotional and professional advancement, as well as participate constructively as citizens in an interdependent global society.*

*The District embraces family, faculty, and community as active partners in a unified effort to develop students into self-directed, self-confident adults on their journeys to becoming the next generations of entrepreneurs, builders, artists, designers, inventors, scientists, educators, caregivers, protectors, workers and leaders.*

#### *New Milford District and Board Goals for 2021-2022*

#### **DISTRICT GOALS**

1. Build community and capacity through a constructivist approach to teaching and learning by creating educational environments for students and educators that promote creativity, provide opportunities for constructing meaning, and emphasize thinking, collaboration and the open exchange of ideas. Mentoring, observation, data analysis, actionable feedback, training, and student and adult-centered learning are central to the achievement of this goal.
2. Cultivate an educational community rooted in equity and inclusion in policies and practices by creating a task force to engage in active conversations with stakeholders about critical issues integral to a broad-minded culture that embraces differences and celebrates diversity.
3. Continue to promote open, active communications internally through strategic articulations among schools and externally with school families through enhanced messaging.
4. Provide optimal conditions for the advancement of teaching and learning post-COVID-19 by identifying and addressing the academic, social and mental health needs of students and educators and leveraging lessons learned during the pandemic to enrich the student experience.

#### **BOARD GOALS**

1. Enable more effective Board Governance by creating a master schedule of board activities and training specific to Finance and Policy.
2. Engage in consistent annual professional development activities on an individual and collective basis toward achievement of New Jersey School Board Master Board certification.
3. Promote communication and community engagement in district planning through regular updates on progress toward District and Board goals.

Meeting called to order by Board President.

**ROLL CALL** President Andrews • Vice President Gomez • Mr. Albro • Ms. Dunne • Ms. McSweeney  
• Ms. O'Grady • Ms. Ryan • Mr. Steele

	Tony Albro	Nicole Dunne	Judith McSweeney	Laura O'Grady	Paige Ryan	Joseph Steele	Heather Gomez	Tonia Andrews
Yes								
Absent								

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

Pledge of Allegiance

#### **BOARD STATEMENTS**

*In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, the New Milford Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall and the New Milford Public Library. Notices have been sent to The Record and The Twin Boro News. The Board announces that under its long-standing policy, it will not discuss in public any comments made by members of the public concerning individual staff members.*

*At this time, please be advised that all cell phones and electronic devices are to be turned off.*

*Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:*

- *Before coming to the Board the chain of command should be followed. There are two portions of the meeting reserved for comments from the public; the first at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and the second at the end of the meeting for other items.*
- *If you wish to address the Board, please provide your name and address and please limit your comments to 2 minutes.*
- *Issues raised by the public may or may not be responded to by the Board, but all comments will be considered. The Board requests that all members of the public be mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Due to confidentiality and legal rights afforded by the state of New Jersey, members of the public are asked to not speak negatively or in a derogatory manner about any employee of the Board or any student.*

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

*As outlined in New Milford Board of Education Bylaw #0167, each statement made by a participant shall be limited to two minutes.*

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Open  
 Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Close

#### **BOARD ACTION**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

BA4 Acceptance of resignation of Board Member Jason Levine, eff. 7/3/21 *retroactive*

BA5 Appointment of new Board Member TBD to the unexpired term of Jason Levine through 12/31/21

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

*Changes to agenda since distribution*