

**NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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New Milford, Connecticut 06776**

**SCHOOL FACILITY AND UTILIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>May 22, 2013</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:30 P.M.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	<b>Sarah Noble Intermediate School—Library Media Center</b>

**AGENDA**

**New Milford Public Schools Mission Statement**

The mission of the New Milford Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, educators, family, and community, is to prepare each and every student to compete and excel in an ever-changing world, embrace challenges with vigor, respect and appreciate the worth of every human being, and contribute to society by providing effective instruction and dynamic curriculum, offering a wide range of valuable experiences, and inspiring students to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

- 1. Review of Refinements to Alternative Scenarios**
- 2. Discussion of Committee's Priority Concerns and Scenario Implications**
- 3. Building Consensus on Recommendations to Board of Education**
- 4. Adjourn**

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**New Milford Public Schools  
 School Facility & Utilization Study Committee  
 May 22, 2013  
 Sarah Noble Intermediate School Library Media Center**

Present:	<p>Mike Zuba, Senior Planner and Associate, Milone &amp; MacBroom          Rebecca Augur, Senior Planner, Milone &amp; MacBroom          Thomas Jokubaitis, Educational Consultant          Jim Barrett, Architect, Drumney Rosane Anderson</p> <p>Ellamae Baldelli, Director of Human Resources, Resident          Walter Bayer, Retired Educator, Resident          John Calhoun, Facilities Manager          Terri Ellis, Parent          Thomas Esposito, Parent, Member of the Town Council          Beth Falder, Parent, Member of the Board of Finance          Wendy Faulenbach, Board of Education Chair, Parent          Paula Kelleher, Principal of John Pettibone School, Parent          Virginia Langrebe, NMHS Teacher, Resident          Justin Mack, SNIS Teacher, Resident          Gregg Miller, Director of Fiscal Services, Resident          Donna Molinaro, H &amp; P Teacher, Resident          Laura Olson, Director of Pupil Personnel &amp; Special Services, Resident          JeanAnn Paddyfote, Superintendent of Schools          Thomas Pilla, Builder, Member of the Pension Committee, Grandparent          Olga Rella, Parent          Lynette Celli Rigdon, Board of Education Member          Michele Romaniello, Parent, District-wide President of the NMPTO          Gretchen Rondini, JPS Teacher, Parent          David Shaffer, Board of Education Member          Josh Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Schools          Len Tomasello, SNIS Interim Principal, Resident          Frank Wargo, Member, Town Council</p>
Absent:	<p>Michael Crespan, Director of Public Health          Theresa McGuinness, SMS Teacher, Parent          Thomas McSherry, Board of Education Member          Julia Taborsak, Parent          Patricia Thalassinis, NES Teacher, Parent</p>

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**Facilities Utilization & Study Committee Meeting Summary**

The consultants reviewed refinements and deeper analysis of the three alternatives that were agreed upon at the April meeting. The three alternatives included:

- ✦ **Scenario A:** Reconfiguring existing elementary schools to PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> with minor redistricting of approximately 75 students, moving 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up to Sarah Noble and moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade up to Schaghticoke - this scenario results in significant and increasing underutilization of the elementary schools
- ✦ **Scenario B:** Reconfiguring Hill & Plain and Northville to PreK – 2, closing Pettibone, moving 3<sup>rd</sup> up to Sarah Noble and 6<sup>th</sup> up to Schaghticoke – this scenario results in improved utilization rates of the elementary schools, cost savings through school consolidation, redistricting of 335 John Pettibone students and adequate space for future programming needs/expansion through the length of the planning horizon (2020-21)
- ✦ **Scenario C:** Maintaining the status quo – this scenario results in increasing underutilization of the elementary and middle schools in particular at Schaghticoke

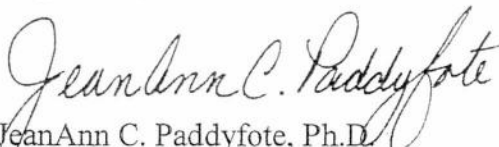
The Committee discussed its priority concerns (maintaining low class sizes, and maintaining or reducing operating costs while ensuring continued quality education delivery and the ability to respond to future needs) and the recommendation to be made to the Board. The consensus of the discussion was that closing Pettibone made financial sense. A poll showed 20 members of the Committee supported recommending Scenario B to the Board of Education. Discussion regarding the length of planning and implementation process, and anticipated closure of Pettibone followed. The Committee asked the consultants to prepare a timeline of the implementation planning process for its next meeting in order to consider a recommendation for the Board of Education as to the timing of implementation.

The next meeting of the Committee is June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JeanAnn C. Paddyfote, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools