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PUBLIC HEARING / REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Keith Middle School, Steven De Rossi Community Room
225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC HEARING

SCHOOL CHOICE for the 2024-2025 School Year

Public Hearing and Vote for School Choice Participation for School Year 2024-2025. (The school choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in communities other than the city or town in which they reside. Tuition is paid by the sending district to the receiving district. Districts may elect not to enroll school choice students if no space is available.)

- Vote to OPEN the Public Hearing on School Choice Participation for the 2024-2025 School Year
- PUBLIC COMMENTS regarding School Choice
- Vote to CLOSE the Public Hearing on School Choice Participation for the 2024-2025 School Year and open the regular meeting of the School Committee

REGULAR MEETING

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates
- B. NBHS Updates
- C. Climate Survey
- D. FY 25 Budget

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

5. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Finance & Operations Reports
- B. Personnel Report
- C. Sub-Committee Reports
- D. School Committee Reports



6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote to delegate duties of the Finance and Operations Sub-Committee Chair for approval of warrants and transfers.
- B. Review and approval of the Finance and Operations Facilities Rental Fee Schedule
- C. Consideration and vote of approval to revise the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar
- D. Consideration and vote of approval for the following Unit A job description/position:
 - 1. Lead Teacher and Coach (LTaC)
 - 2. Spanish as a Second Language Teacher (SSL)
- E. Request for Out of State Travel (administrator/staff):
 - 1. Mary Gomes, Employee Relations Manager, Office of Human Capital Services, request for approval of travel to the American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA) 2024 Summer Boot Camp. The Summer Boot Camp runs from June 13, 2024 through June 14, 2024 in Charlotte, NC (approximate cost \$1,925.00: Local).
 - 2. Jeff Tatro, Supervisor, Transportation Office, request for approval of travel to the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) State Affiliate Leadership Meeting, The Leadership Meeting runs from May 3, 2024 through May 5, 2024 in Buffalo, NY (approximate cost \$520.00: Local).
 - 3. Suzy Trahan, Curriculum, Data & Assessment Manager – Guidance, New Bedford High School (NBHS), request for approval of travel to the International Baccalaureate Counseling Conference. The Conference runs from April 13, 2024 through April 15, 2024 in Chicago, IL (approximate cost \$1,827.05: Local).
 - 4. Isaiah Houtman, Advance Placement Teacher – Computer Science, NBHS, request for approval of travel to the College Board New England Regional Council Meeting. The Council meeting runs from May 20, 2024 through May 21, 2024 in New York, NY (no cost).
 - 5. Heidi Lima, Out of School Time Manager, request for approval of travel to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Symposium. The Symposium runs from July 31, 2024 through August 1, 2024 in San Francisco, CA (approximate cost \$2,651.11 21st CCLC Grant)
- F. Request for Out of State Field Trips (administrator/staff/students):
 - 1. Colleen Hall, Teacher, NBHS, request for approval to travel with three students and two chaperones to the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference - Business Technology. The overnight trip runs from April 25, 2024 through April 27, 2024 in Marlborough, MA.



2. Matthew Pacheco, NBHS Band Teacher, request for approval to travel with forty students and nine chaperones to Hershey Park to perform at the Music in the Parks Festival. The festival runs from April 26 2024 through April 28, 2024 in Hershey Park, PA and NYC, NY (student/family responsible for cost).

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the following purposes:

- A. Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a), for the following purposes:
 1. Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
 - a. Federation of Para Professionals

9. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024

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