

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MRS. USSACH MR. NOBREGA, MS. POLLOCK, ATTY. CLARK, DR. FLETCHER, DR. FINNERTY, MAYOR LANG (Arrived 8:00 pm)

ABSENT: DR. FRANCIS

IN ATTENDANCE: MRS. LARKIN, MRS. DALY DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MRS. BROWN, MS. BENTO (Recording Secretary), JUSTIN BRAGA, Student Representative, was in attendance

Public Comment was as follows:

- Jennifer Clune, representing a group of educators from Gomes School – spoke in regards to the long term plan for Gomes School and what is being done to address the environmental concerns of the school. School Committee members and the Business Manager indicated to Ms. Clune and the educators that these concerns are being addressed and will continue to be.
- Michael Blaze, concerned parent - spoke in favor of the small autonomous schools.
- Tammy Rivet, concerned parent - spoke in favor of the small autonomous schools.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher, seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to have out-of-state field trips, out-of-state conference requests, and accepting of donations removed from school committee agendas and have these items approved on an administrative level going forward.

The roll call vote was as follows:

MAYOR LANG-Absent	MRS. USSACH-Yes
MR. NOBREGA-Yes	MS. POLLOCK- Yes
ATTY. CLARK- Yes	DR. FLETCHER- Yes
DR. FINNERTY- Yes	

6-Yeas 0- Nays 1- Absent

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty, seconded by Atty. Clark, to approve and place on file the minutes from the October 3, 2011 Transportation Subcommittee Meeting.

Ms. Pollock, Dr. Finnerty as well as members from the United Interfaith Action reported on the Small Autonomous Schools Working Group progress.

Mrs. Ussach relinquished the chair to Mayor Lang.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Dr. Fletcher to postpone the personal report to the next meeting.

Mrs. Larkin spoke in Dr. Francis's absence in regards to Educator Evaluations and MASC Training. Mr. Andrew O'Leary updated the committee on the Race To The Top Initiative. Mrs. Daly presented information in regards to the districts Turnaround Plan's progress.

Mrs. Ussach recognized Mr. Livramento as the new school committee member to replace her in January. Mrs. Ussach was recognized by the School Committee for her service.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve the following field/building usage requests:

- Mark Fuller/Business Agent/Miss New Bedford Scholarship Pageant, for permission to use the Keith Middle School auditorium on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. and the music room, stage craft, box office, community room, lighting and sound booth, bookstore and auditorium on

Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 8:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M., for the dress rehearsal and live production of the 2nd Annual Outstanding Teen Program competition, with a waiver of the rental fees.

- Lee-Ann Jupin/PTO President/Lincoln School, for permission to use the Lincoln School cafeteria and gymnasium on Friday, December 2, 2011 from 5:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M., for a Family Movie Night and Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., for the annual Lincoln School Holiday Shoppe, with a waiver of all fees.
- Steven De Rossi/Whaler Volleyball Camp, for permission to use the New Bedford High School main and west gyms and room E-118 on August 13-17, 2012 from 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., for the annual Whaler Volleyball Camp for area boys and girls, with a waiver of the rental fee only
- Bernardino "Butch" Silva/O.L.O.A Youth Basketball Program, for permission to use the Gomes School Gym, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., from November 2011 through March 2012 for practice, with a waiver of all fees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty, seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve the following out-of-state field trips and out-of-state conferences:

- Tracey Rezendes/Teacher/NBHS, for permission for take 37 students and three chaperones on a field trip to Providence College in Providence, R.I. on Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.
- Maurice Ouellette/Teacher/NBHS, for permission to take 50 students and five chaperones to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, NY on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 5:00 A.M.-11:30 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.
- Diane Robinson/Teacher/NBHS, for permission to take 50 students and five chaperones to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, NY on Friday, December 9, 2011 from 5:00 A. M. -11:30 P. M. at no cost to the local budget.
- Margo Moore/Teacher/Keith, for permission to attend the National Writing Project and National Council of Teachers of English on November 16-18, 2011 in Chicago, IL as part of the Buzzards Bay & Massachusetts State Network Writing Projects, at no cost to the local budget.
- Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS & Henry Mastey/Engineering Academy Committee Member, for permission to attend the Academy of Engineering Counselor & Leadership Conference on November 6-8, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV, for a mandatory National Academy Foundation meeting, at no cost to the local budget.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Finnerty, seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to accept the following donations:

- Tammy Morgan/Principal/Pulaski – one white board from Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Santos for school use.
- Derek Medeiros/Principal/Hathaway - \$40.54 from Target's Take Charge of Education program for the school fund.
- Suzanne Madden/Principal/Hayden-McFadden – assorted school supplies from the Mattapoissett Congregational Church
- Dr. Jeanne Bonneau/Principal/Normandin -\$1,000 mini grant from the GNB Allies for Health and Wellness, Inc. to support the Interactive Sports Programs with Health Components at Normandin.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock, seconded by Dr. Fletcher to approve the out-of-state conference reports.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take the New Bedford Public Schools Policy IIBI - District Wellness Policy (agenda item 6F) off the table.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policy IIBI - District Wellness Policy (agenda item 6F)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Dr. Fletcher to take the New Bedford Public Schools Policy – JHFF – Student Bullying Prevention Policy (agenda item 6I) off the table.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policy – JHFF – Student Bullying Prevention Policy (agenda item 6I).

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to take New Bedford Public Schools Policy IIBH – Internet Safety and Technology Acceptable Use Policy (agenda item 6G) off the table.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty, seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve New Bedford Public Schools Policy IIBH – Internet Safety and Technology Acceptable Use Policy (agenda item 6G).

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, take the New Bedford Public Schools Policy INDA – Pledge of Allegiance (agenda item 6H) off the table.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty, seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policy INDA – Pledge of Allegiance (agenda item 6H).

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Nobrega to table the discussion relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest (agenda item 6J) to the next meeting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. Ussach to approve the declaration of surplus at the Pulaski School (agenda item 6K).

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Atty. Clark, to place on file the communication from the City Council requesting that the City of New Bedford close New Bedford Public Schools on Primary Day and Election Day, as is done in the City of Fall River, to simplify voting procedures for those polls located in New Bedford schools.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Mr. Nobrega to go into executive session for the purpose of:

- NBEA Negotiations Update
- AFSCME Local 641 Negotiations Update

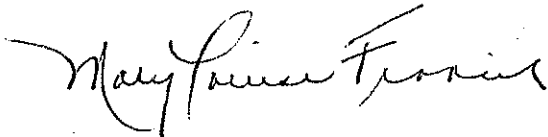
The roll call was as follows:

MAYOR LANG-Yes	MRS. USSACH- Yes
MR. NOBREGA-Yes	MS. POLLOCK- Yes
ATTY. CLARK- Yes	DR. FLETCHER- Yes
DR. FINNERTY- Yes	

7-Yeas 0- Nays 0- Absent

At 9:16 PM, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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