

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, MRS. USSACH, MS. POLLOCK, ATTY. CLARK, DR. FINNERTY, DR. FLETCHER

ABSENT: MR. NOBREGA,

IN ATTENDANCE: MRS. LARKIN, MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. COSTA, MRS. DUNAWAY (Recording secretary), MRS. MOURAO, (Recording secretary) (Dr. Francis was absent due to illness.)

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

The Committee welcomed home Atty. Clark who was home briefly from the fighting in Afghanistan. Upon this occasion, Mayor Lang invited Atty. Clark to Chair the meeting.

Public Comment was as follows:

- Eddie Johnson – Representing CLEAN, Mr. Johnson requested that the Committee appoint someone to bring the School Committee and School department regular updates related to the Parker St. Waste site.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the January 10, 2011 – Finance Sub-Committee Minutes.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file the January 10, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the January 24, 2011 – Facilities, Maintenance & School Building Sub-Committee Minutes.

Mr. Oliveira gave a brief overview regarding the financial report. Transportation costs are exceeding the budget.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file the financial report and to send the report to the Sub-Committee on Transportation. (Supporting document labeled "5A")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mayor Lang, to receive and place on file the Schedule of Bills for December. (Supporting document labeled "5B")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mayor Lang, to receive and place on file the Schedule of Bills for January. (Supporting document labeled "5B")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report. (Supporting document labeled "5C")

After a brief discussion regarding the status and future funding of the Parenting Teens Program (PTP), Mrs. Ussach made a motion, with a second by Dr. Finnerty to move the PTP program to New Bedford High school. Dr. Finnerty suggested that this discussion wait until Dr. Francis was present.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to amend the previous motion and to send recommendation for discussion to the Sub-Committee on Facilities.

Due to the absence of Dr. Francis, there was no Superintendent's report; however Mrs. Larkin invited Principal Lina DeJesus and kindergarten teacher Kathleen Mandly to the podium to congratulate them on the recent NAEYC accreditation for Rodman Elementary School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the School Committee and Student Representative reports.

At this time, Mayor Lang resumed his position as Chair.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to take item 6B5 on the agenda out of order.

Members of the Winslow School PTO addressed the Committee in regard to their request.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark to approve a request by Isabel Andrade & Rebecca Winterson/PTO/Winslow School, for permission to use the auditorium at New Bedford High School on Friday, March 25, 2011 from 1:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. for a PTO-sponsored concert to benefit the students at Winslow School, with a waiver of rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6B-5")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to take item 6B4 on the agenda out of order.

Mr. Richard Carter addressed the Committee in regard to his request on behalf of NorthStar Learning Centers.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve a request by Richard Carter/Director/NorthStar Learning Centers, Inc., for permission to use the Hayden McFadden gym on February 18, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, and 10, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 P.M., for their after-school fitness program, with a waiver of rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6B-4")

Marissa Perez-Dormitzer explained the Recycling program taking place in the schools. Winner for the month was the Swift School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take up the remaining requests for use of facilities altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve the following requests for use of facilities:

- 1) Councilor Bruce Duarte, on behalf of the New Bedford Idol competition, for permission to use the auditorium Keith Middle School for the 3rd Annual New Bedford Idol competition on June 4, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M., with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (This is an addition to the requested dates from the meeting in December 2010.) (Supporting document labeled "6B-1")
- 2) Tasha Fonseca/Drama Club Advisor/New Bedford High School, for permission to use the auditorium and Little Theatre at New Bedford High School on April 8, 2011 from 5:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M., April 9, 2011 from 12:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M., and April 10, 2011 from 12:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. for the Spring production with a waiver of the custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6B-2")
- 3) Donna Crumley/President/AFS Exchange Students, for permission to use the Lincoln School gym and cafeteria on Friday, March 25, 2011 from 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. for a family evening of safe entertainment for 35 AFS students, with a waiver of rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6B-3")

- 4) Bunny Conceicao/Administrator/N.B. Bears Youth Football, for permission to use the auditorium at Keith Middle School on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., for their annual awards banquet, with a waiver of rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6B-5")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file a time-sensitive request approved administratively as follows:

Harry Lowe/Coach, on behalf of Triple Play Softball, for permission to use the gym at Normandin Middle School on January 29, February 12, and March 5, 2011, from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. for their annual Winter Softball Clinic, with a waiver of the rental fee. (Supporting document labeled "6B" Adm.)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Atty. Clark, to take items 6C- 1 & 2 together.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve the following requests for out of state travel as follows:

- 1) Susan Brown & Cindy Gonsalves/Teachers of the Deaf/NBHS, to take four students on a field trip to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. from March 4 – 9, 2011 to compete in the Gallaudet Deaf Academic Bowl. Transportation costs will be paid for by Project Results (Gallaudet University will pay all other expenses). (Supporting document labeled "6C-1")
- 2) Ron Littlewood/Outdoor Club Advisor/Normandin, to take 44 students and five chaperones on a field trip to Gunstock Resort in Gilford, NH on Friday, February 18, 2011 from 3:00 P.M.-11:30 P.M., with all expenses paid by the Outdoor Club. (Supporting document labeled "6C-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Atty. Clark, to take all requests for acceptance of donations altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve acceptance of the following donations:

- 1) Steve Machado/Principal/Congdon School – \$390.20 from Box Tops for Education for the school fund.
- 2) Tammy Morgan/Principal/Pulaski School – \$686.80 from Box Tops for Education for the school fund.
- 3) Susan Beck/Principal/Dunbar School - \$29.00 from Lifetouch National School Studios for the school fund.
- 4) Suzanne Madden/Principal/Hayden-McFadden School - \$453.70 from Lifetouch National School Studios for the school fund.
- 5) Deborah Cimo/Principal/Kempton School - \$162.70 from Box Tops for Education for the school fund.
- 6) Darcy Fernandes/Principal/Roosevelt Middle School – \$500.00 from Ms. Wanda Francis for the school library.
- 7) Jamie Camacho/Principal/Gomes School - \$50.00 Staples gift card from O'Connor Studios, 400 books from Gifts to Give and 200 books from the Delta Kappa Gamma for the school library, various classroom materials from DonorsChoose.org to be used in Ms. Walsh's kindergarten class, and \$617.70 from Lifetouch National School Studios for the school fund.
- 8) Marcia Faucher/Principal/Pacheco School - \$84.92 from TerraCycle, Inc. for the school fund.

- 9) Jeanne Bonneau/Principal/Normandin Middle School – seven cases of pencils from Positive Promotions Company for the National Jr. Honor Society.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve a request to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at the Roosevelt Middle School, Parker School, and Human Resources Office at the Paul Rodrigues Administrative Building.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take all requests for transfer of funds altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Atty. Clark, to take all requests for acceptance of donations altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve the following requests for transfer of funds (including an added request from Hayden-McFadden School), and to delegate to the Transportation Sub-Committee to look at the McKinney-Vento proposal.

- Lawrence Oliveira/C.A.F.O.: \$920 from Acct. 4001-1220-00-005-84-5028 (Asst. Supt. Supplies), \$1,000 from Acct. 4001-1220-00-005-84-6006 (Asst. Supt. Dues & Subscriptions) and \$3,080 from Acct. 4001-2453-00-000-00-6008 (Other Instruct. Hardware) to Acct. 4001-1430-00-000-00-4024 (Legal Services); \$40,000 from Acct. 4002-1220-00-200-00-1000 (Asst. Supt. Salaries) to 4001-1220-00-000-84-6008 (Asst. Supt. Other Expenditures); \$40,000 from Acct. 4001-9300-32-500-05-6008 (Tuition Sped Private HS Day Other) to 4001-3301-02-206-00-4045 (Transportation McKinney Vento)
- Darcy Fernandes/Principal/Roosevelt: \$700 from Acct. 4001-2410-21-415-00-5030 (Textbooks) to 4001-2420-21-415-00-8002 (Equipment); \$800 from Acct. 4001-2357-21-415-00-6008 (Prof. Dev.) and \$700 from 4001-2410-21-415-00-5030 (Textbooks) to 4001-3600-21-415-84-4033 (Police Detail)
- Kyle Riley/Principal/Trinity Day Academy: \$3,000 from Acct. 4001-2430-32-510-00-5026 (Classroom Supplies) to 4001-2250-32-510-84-8006 (Computer Equip.); \$2,000 from 4001-3600-31-510-00-4033 (Police Detail) to 4001-2420-32-510-00-8002 (School Equip.)
- Karen Meyer/Principal/Ashley School: \$860.00 from 4001-2210-11-010-84-5028 (Principal Office Supplies) to 4001-2420-11-010-00-8002 (School Equip.)
- Karen Treadup/Principal/Carney Academy: \$1920 from 4001-2210-11-045-84-5028 (Principal Office), \$3497 from 4001-2410-12-045-00-5030 (Sped Workbooks), \$2492 from 4001-2430-12-045-00-5026 (Sped Classroom Supplies), \$1261 from 4001-2455-11-045-00-5027 (Inst. Software Computer), and \$4000 from 4001-2415-11-045-00-5031 (Library Workbooks) all to 4001-2430-11-045-00-5026 (Classroom Supplies)
- Heather Larkin/Asst. Supt.: \$60,000 from 4001-9300-32-500-05-6008 (Tuition Sped Private HS Day Other) to 4001-3200-02-000-00-4032 (Health Servs. Phys. Appraisal) and \$4,000 from 4001-9300-32-500-05-6008 (Tuition Sped Private HS Day Other) to 4001-3302-12-100-05-4045 (Trans. Sped Elem. Day)
- Matthew Riley/Principal/Taylor: \$5,861.02 from Acct. 4001-2420-11-135-00-8002 (School Equipment) to 4001-2451-11-135-00-8006 (Class Inst. Tech. Comp.)

- Steve Machado/Principal/Congdon: \$4,558 from Acct. 4001-2410-11-040-00-5030 (Textbooks) to 4001-2430-110-040-5026 (Classroom Supplies) and \$720 from Acct. 4001-2455-11-040-00-5027 (Inst. Soft. Comput.) to 4001-2420-11-040-00-8002 (School Equip.)
Added on:
- Suzanne Madden/Principal/Hayden-McFadden: \$1,900 from Acct. 4001-2410-11-078-00-5030 (Textbooks) to 4001-2420-11-078-00-8002.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to discuss the issue of closing of schools at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on Facilities.

Mrs. Larkin addressed the Committee relative to her requests that were before the Committee.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take up and approve the following requests as follows:

Request from Heather Larkin/Asst. Supt., for permission to begin the "NBPS Attendance Task Force" campaign this month, to accept donations throughout the school year, and to hold two fundraisers: 1) selling engraved bricks which will also be used to upgrade the grounds at New Bedford High School and 2) buying SRTA bus advertisements and inserts for main cabin with messages regarding the importance of school.

Request from Heather Larkin/Asst. Supt., for permission to accept donations throughout the 2010-2011 school year for the "New Bedford Supports Children with Autism Gala".

A lengthy discussion ensued relative to a request from Dr. Finnerty to analyze data relative to the Statistical and Descriptive Data Report for the 2009-2010 school year specifically a "Student Leaver Report".

Mayor Lang addressed the Committee relative to the proposed title change for the Assistant Superintendent for Equity, Diversity and Family Engagement - to Assistant **to the** Superintendent for Equity, Diversity and Family Engagement. Mayor Lang commented that it may open up a wider and broader application field for the position.

A motion was made by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock to approve the change in title. At this time Dr. Finnerty stated that at a past meeting, several members of the community addressed the Committee and requested that the title be Assistant Superintendent for Equity, Diversity and Family Engagement.

On a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee voted to table the proposed title change to the next meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Lang	Yes	Atty. Clark	Yes
Dr. Finnerty	Yes	Ms. Pollock	Yes
Dr. Fletcher	Yes	Mrs. Ussach	Yes
Mr. Nobrega	Absent		

6 - Yeas

0 - Nays

1 - Absent

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to refer a Communication from the New Bedford City Council, requesting that the School Committee consider opening the Hathaway School & Phillips Avenue School parking lots for snow parking ban usage, to the Mayor's Office.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to open school parking lots as needed in snow emergencies.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take up the item listed on the Addendum.

At this time, Scott Alfonse from the City of New Bedford and Dave Sullivan from TRC addressed the Committee to explain remediation efforts and series of remediation steps to clean the soil at the Andrea McCoy and Paul Walsh Athletic Fields. They stated that the permitted, restricted or controlled activities are listed in a proposed plan for the fields.

On a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, the Committee voted to authorize the Superintendent to sign the proposed Activity Use Limitation Plan relative to the Andrea McCoy and Paul Walsh Athletic Fields.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Lang	Yes	Atty. Clark	Yes
Dr. Finnerty	Yes	Ms. Pollock	Yes
Dr. Fletcher	Yes	Mrs. Ussach	Yes
Mr. Nobrega	Absent		

6 - Yeas 0 - Nays 1 - Absent

A motion was made by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- NBEA Grievance Issue
- Non-Union Contract

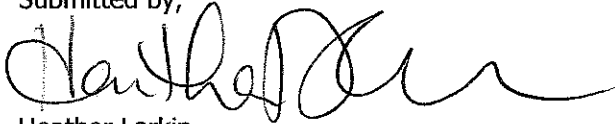
The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Lang	Yes	Atty. Clark	Yes
Dr. Finnerty	Yes	Ms. Pollock	Yes
Dr. Fletcher	Yes	Mrs. Ussach	Yes
Mr. Nobrega	Absent		

6 - Yeas 0 - Nays 1 - Absent

At 9:18 P.M., on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

Submitted by,



Heather Larkin
Assistant Superintendent