

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, MRS. USSACH, MS. POLLOCK, MR. NOBREGA, DR. FLETCHER,
DR. FINNERTY

ABSENT: ATTY. CLARK

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, MRS. LARKIN, MR. LAMARCHE, MS. COSTA, MRS. MOURAO
(Recording Secretary)

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

Public Comment: None

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take up items listed under section four altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve and place on file the following minutes:

- May 9, 2011 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- May 23, 2011 – Public Hearing FY12 Budget & Special Meeting Minutes
- May 31, 2011 – Special Meeting & Budget Working Session Minutes
- June 6, 2011 – Special Meeting & Budget Working Session Minutes
- June 13, 2011 – Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6C out of order.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to table item 6C for now since Ms. Nancy Carvalho had to leave the meeting for a few minutes.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to take item 6B out of order.

At this time, Mr. Christopher Parker, Technology Instructor at New Bedford High School, introduced the students who competed in the MATE ROV Competition that took place in Texas this past June. Mr. Parker also showed a PowerPoint presentation of the competition.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take item 5D out of order.

Ms. Monica Castro of the City's Saturday Academy introduced students who had recently received awards from the program.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6F out of order.

Ms. Deidre Gillespie, President – Sea Lab Keel, Inc, spoke of a garden that Sea Lab would like to implement in memory of Mr. Arthur Dutra. Mayor Lang indicated that we need to keep this project within City confines and not involve the Sheriff's Department.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty and Mrs. Ussach, to approve the request from Ms. Gillespie for permission to implement a memorial in Mr. Arthur Dutra's name

in the form of a garden to be located at the Sea Lab site, to request the aide of city employees and to accept donations to help with this project. (Supporting document labeled "6F")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6A2 out of order.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock to approve a request from Wayne Ramos/Director/Upward Bound Program, for permission to use the Keith Middle School Auditorium on Monday, August 8, 2011 from 9 AM-6 PM and Tuesday, August 9, 2011 from 12 PM-10 PM, for the Upward Bound Annual Productions, with a waiver of rental and custodial fees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take item 6C off the table.

Ms. Nancy Carvalho informed the Committee that the increase in paid student lunches would take place over the next eight years at the request of the State. The increases would not exceed 10 cents per year. Several Committee members expressed concern of this increase given the financial struggles most households are facing today.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to use the Food Services Surplus Account funds to pick up the difference for FY12.

Dr. Finnerty requested a mid-year report for assessment from Ms. Carvalho.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take up the remaining items listed in section 6A altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to approve a request from Chief Michael Gomes of the New Bedford Fire Department, for permission to use the Keith Middle School Auditorium on Friday, July 22, 2011 from 1 PM-4 PM, for a graduation ceremony, with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A1")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve a request from Denis Lawrence, Councilor-At-Large, on behalf of South Coast Children's Theatre, for permission to use the Keith Middle School Auditorium on September 11-18, 2011 (times:TBD), January 8, 2012 from 12 PM-6 PM, January 16 - May 5, 2012 (Mondays & Wednesdays only) from 6 PM-8:30 PM and May 5 - 13, 2012 (times:TBD) for the Fall and Spring rehearsals and productions, with a waiver of rental fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A3")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve a request from Steve Kozak/Operation Clean Sweep, for permission to use the Carney Academy parking lot (off of Morgan Street) on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 7 AM – 1 PM for the set up of Operation Clean Sweep. (Supporting document labeled "6A4")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve a request from Maria Tomasia/Chairperson/Board of Election Commissioners, for permission use portions of Campbell School, Carney Academy, Parker School, Normandin Middle School, Hathaway School, Hayden McFadden School and New Bedford High School as polling places for the State Primary on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, Special State Election on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Preliminary Election on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 from 5:30 AM-8:00 PM, with a waiver of the rental fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A5")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve a request from Tom Tarpey/Head Basketball Coach/New Bedford High School, for permission to take the Boys Varsity Basketball Team to Orlando, Florida from December 27, 2011- December 31, 2011 to participate in the KSA Christmas Tournament Holiday Classic, with all expenses paid for by the NB Basketball Boosters Club. (Supporting document labeled "6D")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take up items listed under section 6E altogether.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to accept the following donations:

- 1) Karen Treadup/Principal/Carney Academy, for permission to accept the following:
 - a. \$50 from Leukemia/Lymphoma Society for the school fund
 - b. \$1,210.35 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund
 - c. \$123.18 from Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program for the school fund
 - d. \$50 from Beverly Arruda for the ASD Summer Program
 - e. \$620 from Mary & Anthony Martins – Cobblestone’s Restaurant – for the ASD Summer Program
 - f. \$200 from “On a Roll” to be used for the ASD Summer Program
- 2) Debra Letendre/Principal/Swift, for permission to accept a donation of two Lexmark T644 laser printers from the McKenna family.
- 3) Tammy Morgan/Principal/Pulaski, for permission to accept a donation of \$185 from BJ’s Wholesale Club for the school fund.
- 4) Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS, for permission to accept a donation of \$211.10 from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program for the school fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at the Swift School and the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.

Relative to the Financial Report, Mr. Lamarche indicated to the Committee that he will have the numbers finalized for the next meeting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve and place on file the Financial Report. (Supporting document labeled “5A”)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve and place on file the Schedule of Bills for May, 2011. (Supporting document labeled “5B”)

Relative to the Personnel Report, Dr. Finnerty addressed Ms. Costa, Human Resources Manager, on NBPS process of assignments/reassignments. He expressed grave concern on the transfers that take place within the District and the length of years an employee can hold/own his/her position while working for a grant-funded position.

Ms. Pollock recommended that the Mentoring Program begin in September rather than January. Superintendent Francis informed the Committee that the District is working very hard to get pairings done as soon as possible so that the Mentor Program can begin at the start of the school year.

Mayor Lang requested that a Correction Plan needs to follow the employees who bid out/transfer to a new school as well as placing it in their personnel file.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion made by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report. (Supporting document labeled “5C”)

Superintendent Francis updated the Committee on the highlights across the District. She commended the students from the Saturday Academy and went over the Demographics Report from the Sea Lab Program. Dr. Francis announced that Mr. Desi Nesmith of Cambridge Education has been assigned as the FTE person by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to work with us as per the District Review Report.

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

- Non-Union Issue
- Negotiations Update

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 - Absent

At 9:13 P.M., on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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