

<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES</p>

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, MS. POLLOCK, DR. FINNERTY, MR. NOBREGA, DR. FLETCHER,
MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. OLIVEIRA

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: MR. SHEA, DR. LARKIN, MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MR. HASKELL,
MRS. DUNAWAY

Emma Finnerty, Alternate Student Representative, was in attendance.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file the following minutes:

- Facilities Sub-Committee – September 20, 2012
- Transportation Sub-Committee – December 6, 2012
- Transportation Sub-Committee – February 7, 2013
- Regular Meeting – March 11, 2013
- Special Meeting – March 20, 2013
- Special Meeting/Public Hearing – April 1, 2013
- Regular Meeting – April 8, 2013

Supporting document 3

Barry Haskell, Interim Business Manager, gave the following update:

- Working to reduce the budget deficit – current estimate is \$3.5 million.
- Currently reviewing preliminary FY 14 budget worksheets with principals and directors. Will include everyone in the process to discuss the best way to provide goods and services for students
- Regular education bus contracts have gone out to bid – Special education transportation to follow.
- Training for staff for MUNIS (integrated financial software program) is continuing.
- New Business Manager interviews are underway.

Mayor Mitchell inquired about the timetable for FY 14 budget meetings. Mr. Haskell responded that he hoped to plan the following dates with the School Committee: May 28, May 29 and May 30.

To a question posed by Dr. Finnerty regarding unused sick leave buybacks for retirees, Mr. Haskell explained that only \$120,000 was listed in the FY13 budget when in the past, the end of year pay outs amounted to \$600 - \$700K. This year, the total is currently at \$814K. He went on to say that it is difficult to plan due to the fact that we do not receive notifications from staff planning to retire before the budget is developed.

Mayor Mitchell asked Mr. Haskell for a tentative time table for planning the FY 15 budget. Mr. Haskell explained that the budget process should start as early as August.

Ms. Pollock questioned if there will be layoffs. Mr. Haskell said we will no more in two to three weeks.

Supporting document 4A

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the Business Office report.

Ms. Costa, Human Resources Manager, informed the Committee that there is a hiring freeze. All positions that need to be filled will be reviewed by the Business Office. Interviews are taking place for several administrative positions including principals and housemaster.
Supporting document 4B

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Dr. Finnerty to receive and place on file the Personnel Report.

Superintendent's Report....

- Budget workshops are tentatively scheduled for the School Committee on May 28, 29 and 30 with the Public Hearing to follow on the 30th.
- The Education Evaluation meeting with the state is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 in Sturbridge. A School Committee member is invited to attend.
- Mr. Shea informed the Committee that the new student scheduled planned for New Bedford High School in September would have to be put on hold due to the budget crisis. Issues such as the cost for transportation and books are among the reasons that it will not be implemented in September. Mr. Shea expressed hope that it could be implemented in September of 2015.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the Superintendent's report.

Student representative gave her report.

Public Comment:

No one signed up for public comment.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to remove from the table a request that was tabled at the April 8, 2013 meeting regarding approval of the 2013-2014 School Calendar.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval of the 2013-2014 School Calendar.

Ms. Marissa Perez-Dormitzer of the Regional Refuse District picked the recycling contest winner – Congdon School.

Several School Committee members gave reports.

The Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 School Choice Participation commenced.

With no public participation, the Committee voted, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to not participate in School Choice for the 2013-2014 school year.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

7 – Yeas 0 – Nays 0 – Absent

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee voted to ratify Dr. Pia Durkin's contract which commences on July 1, 2013.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
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Ms. Pollock – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes
Mr. Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Livramento - Yes
Dr. Finnerty – Yes

7 – Yeas 0 – Nays 0 – Absent

School Bus Transportation Bid Award Recommendations were voted on as follows:

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to award Package #1 as listed to Whaling City Transit.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to award Package #2 as listed to Whaling City Transit.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to award Package #3 as listed to Reliable Bus.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to award Package #4 as listed to Reliable Bus.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to award Package #5 as listed to Tremblay Bus LLC.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to award Package #6 as listed to Reliable Bus.

A brief discussion ensued relative to the authority of awarding bus contracts.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to give authority to the Superintendent to award transportation contracts.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to grant a request from Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS, to schedule the New Bedford High School 2013 Graduation Exercises on Thursday, June 13, 2013, to be held at Dr. Paul Walsh Field at 7:00 P.M.

The Committee was given notification from Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS, that Adam Vieira (Class of 2014), has been re-elected to serve as Student Representative to the School Committee with Lisa Chan (Class of 2015) serving as alternate, effective June 17, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, the Committee voted 6 – 0, with Dr. Finnerty abstaining, to grant approval for the following out of state/overnight trips:

1. Michael Florio/Teacher/NBHS - permission to take seven students and three chaperones on a white water rafting trip, as part of a Great Outdoors Club activity, to The Forks, ME, from May 31 – June 2, 2013.
2. Michael Florio/Teacher/NBHS - permission to take 12 students and three chaperones on a hiking trip, as part of a Great Outdoors Club activity, to Franconia Notch, N.H, on May 25, 2013.
3. Chris Parker/Teacher/NBHS - permission to take four students and two chaperones to compete in the Sea perch underwater ROV competition, in Indianapolis, IN, from May 17 – 20, 2013.
4. Ana Amaral/Teacher/Carney Academy – permission to take 118 students and 23 chaperones to Roger Williams Park/Zoo on June 6, 2013.
5. Laura Chevalier/Teacher/Carney Academy – permission to take 88 students and 15 chaperones to Roger Williams Park/Zoo on June 11, 2013.
6. Julie Ferreira/Teacher/Carney Academy – permission to take 100 students and 10 chaperones to the Naval Underwater Warfare Center in Newport, RI on June 13, 2013.
7. Trudy Fatula/Teacher/Pacheco School – permission to take 130 students and 13 chaperones to the Feinstein IMAX Theatre in Providence, RI on June 17, 2013.
8. Susan Silva/Teacher/Trinity Day Academy – permission to take seven students and two chaperones to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, NH on May 29, 2013.

9. Charles Jodoin/Principal/Trinity Day Academy – permission to take 12 students and four chaperones to New York City on May 23, 2013.
10. Debra Letendre/Principal/Swift School – permission to take 227 students and 50 chaperones to Roger Williams Park/Zoo on June 18, 2013.
11. S. McTighe/Teacher/NBHS – permission to take 27 students and four chaperones to the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT on June 7, 2013.
12. Louise Wheeler/Teacher/Taylor School – permission to take 40 students and four chaperones to Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT on June 24, 2013.
13. Kerrie McNamara/Teacher/Keith Middle School – permission to take 40 students and eight chaperones to Roger Williams Park/Zoo on June 13, 2013. (Rain date 6/14/13)
14. Eric Drew/Music/Band/ NBHS – permission to take 29 students and four chaperones to visit Times Square and attend the musical “Wicked”, in New York City on June 8, 2013.
15. Request from Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS for permission to send 20 students to the Undersea Technology Apprentice Program in Middletown, RI, for four weeks in July (Monday-Friday 7/1-7/26), to participate in an engineering project supported by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

At this time, Al Oliveira, Director of Facilities, addressed the Committee in regard to approving requests for organizations to use the Andrea McCoy Athletic Complex (Moratorium for use of the complex is scheduled to end on May 14, 2013.) He explained the costs associated with operating and maintaining the field and suggested that a fee of \$200 per hour be charged for non-profit groups, \$400 per hour for non-profit groups charging a fee, and a negotiated rate for commercial groups.

After a brief discussion the Committee voted on the following:

1. Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, approve a request by New Bedford City Council/Councillor Steven Martins, on behalf of the Day of Portugal Committee, to hold their annual Soccer Tournament on Sunday, May 19, 2013, at the Andrea McCoy Athletic Complex and to follow the recommendation of the Superintendent and set the rental fee at \$200 per hour (three hour minimum).
2. Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock to approve a request by Councillor Steven Martins, on behalf of the Casa do Benfica, for soccer games to be held on the following Saturdays: May 25, June 8, June 22, July 20, August 3, August 17 and August 31, 2013. (Casa do Benfica to pay all fees.)

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega 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 New Bedford High School, Normandin Middle School and Transportation.

At 7:17 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session without returning to Open Session, for the purpose of discussions in regard to the following:

- Level III grievances – New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.
- Level III grievance – New Bedford Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 2378

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

7 – Yeas	0 – Nays	0 – Absent
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Submitted by,

Michael R. Shea
Interim Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee
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