

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, DR. LARKIN, MRS. DALY, MR. MURPHY, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MRS. DUNAWAY

Adam Vieira, Student Representative, was in attendance.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to accept the following minutes as submitted:

- Sub-Committee – Curriculum – May 7, 2013
- Budget Working Session – May 28, 2013
- Budget Working Session – May 29, 2013
- Regular Meeting - June 17, 2013

Mayor Mitchell introduced New Bedford Public Schools new Superintendent, Dr. Pia Durkin, and welcomed her to the Community.

During her Superintendent's Report, Dr. Durkin introduced three components that will be addressed in her 90 day entry plan as follows:

1. Student Achievement: Visit every classroom by Thanksgiving
2. Build Competency and Capacity: Reorganization will take place, roles and responsibilities established – *how are we best supporting children?* Must fill serious positions with possible "bridge reorganization".
3. Relationships with the Community: Spend time promoting equity and excellence; craft input from Community and others – no Superintendent can do it alone.

Dr. Durkin went on to say that this undertaking will be a team effort. Will receive feedback from the DESE and will welcome teachers and have a discussion when they return for the new school year.

Dr. Durkin also presented the Accelerated Improvement Plan's (AIP) 2013 Theory of Action as follows:

IF the NBPS focuses on and persists in expecting developing, supervising, and evaluating educators' capacity to deliver rigorous and engaging instruction that is:

- *aligned to state standards;*
- *monitored so student progress in attaining those standards reaches to a level of proficiency;*
- *adjusted and differentiated so that all students will be support and stretched to make progress;*
- *and evidence of student learning is demonstrated every day in every classroom in every school*

THEN student achievement will significantly increase in each New Bedford school and in the New Bedford Public Schools as a district.

Dr. Durkin went on to mention that the Welcome Center will be open every day to register students for Kindergarten and there will be evening registration (two days each) at Lincoln, Hayden McFadden and Gomes Schools to accommodate parents in the next few weeks.

High School registration will take place during the full month of August and will be open one evening per week.

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

Dr. Durkin addressed the Committee regarding the budget and mentioned that a thorough review was taking place by looking at checks and balances and having a clear fiscal plan that must meet school needs.

Mr. Murphy, Business Manager, added that his department is currently closing the books on FY 13, working on FY 14 and thinking of FY 15.

Mr. Murphy also mentioned that the Business Office is working diligently on the Massachusetts School Business Authority applications and will take over this work from the City. Capital Needs Assessment effort has been launched in collaboration with the City. Facilities and infrastructure issues will be looked at.

Suggested topics for relevant Sub Committees include: Creation of a facilities revolving account and updating use of facilities policies, consideration of a School Committee warrant process, improvements and changes to the Medicaid reimbursement plan and MUNIS implementation and status reports

Dr. Finnerty asked if there was going to be privatization of the Food Service department. Mr. Murphy said he was open to it and had experience with it which was both good and bad but nothing was being discussed on this topic at the moment.

To a question by Dr. Finnerty regarding our fiscal situation and the fiscal audit performed by Barry Haskell and Bob Gurek, Dr. Durkin answered that she is hopeful and adamant the past fiscal situation will never happen again and has full confidence going forward. She also stated that Mr. Haskell and Mr. Gurek will still be available for special projects.

Dr. Fletcher asked where any possible funds from FY 13 would go if there were any remaining. Mr. Murphy answered that any excess funds would be sent back to the City.

Ms. Pollock questioned if the Administrative Cost Agreement had been reviewed. Mr. Murphy explained that the agreement hasn't been updated since 2007. A discussion will take place regarding quality of services that will be shared, not necessarily the financial aspect.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to receive and place on file the Business Office Report.

Under the Personnel Report, Dr. Durkin told the Committee that Anthony DiFonso had been hired as principal of the Swift School and the search for a principal for Roosevelt Middle and the Assistant Principal at Gomes School was continuing.

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

Several School Committee members gave reports.

Student representative gave his report.

Public Comment was as follows:

- Ryan Mitchell – Concern about staff lay offs

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to approve the 2013/2014 School Committee Meeting Schedule.

At 7:13 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session, without returning to Open Session, for the purpose of discussing:

- Collective Bargaining Sessions: Level III Grievances – New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.

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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Respectfully submitted by,

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Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

Pia Durkin, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Secretary to the School Committee

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