

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES</b></p>
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PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, DR. FINNERTY, DR. FLETCHER, MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. NOBREGA, MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. POLLOCK,

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, DR. LARKIN, MS. DALY, MR. MURPHY, MS. BRADSHAW, MR. TETREAULT  
MRS. DUNAWAY

Adam Vieira, Student Representative, was in attendance.

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

- Special Meeting: February 25, 2013
- Special Meeting: February 26, 2013
- Special Meeting: February 27, 2013
- Finance Sub Committee Meeting: May 9, 2013
- Finance Sub Committee Meeting: June 4, 2013
- Regular Meeting: August 12, 2013
- Special Meeting: August 29, 2013
- Special Meeting: (Retreat): August 29, 2013

Superintendent's Report

- Introduced Lisa Yates/new Principal of the Carlos Pacheco School
- Introduced Lina DeJesus, former principal of the Rodman School, new principal at Abraham Lincoln
- Accelerated Improvement Plan (AIP) was accepted by the state with high marks. The AIP will be the roadmap on how we work as a district
- DESE is scheduled to release the 2013 MCAS report on Wednesday, September 18. Level 4 schools will be discussed on the possibility that they could remain Level 4, Exit Level 4 for or be declared Level 5
- New Level 4 schools will be announced on Thursday, September 19
- Proposed a Special School Committee meeting to discuss results of the 2013 MCAS on September 19.
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Update: NBHS is up for accreditation review during the 2014/2015 school year. A postponement has been requested. The NEASC Committee will meet in October and make a decision.
- School Committee retreat update: Glenn Koocher from Mass. Assoc. of School Committees will attend a Special School Committee meeting on Monday, October 21 to go over pieces of the Superintendent Evaluation. This meeting will be from 5:00-6:00 and will precede the Regular Meeting.
- Superintendent will do a self-assessment. Mid-cycle review in the spring

To a questions posed by Dr. Finnerty, Dr. Durkin answered that this is the first year there is an extended school day for students at the Parker School. Also, Dr. Durkin explained that Deb DeCarlo is working two days per week with Mr. Kulak as a consultant.

Mayor Mitchell asked Dr. Durkin to elaborate on the types of supports that need bolstering or need to be created. Dr. Durkin mentioned the following: Teachers in advisory capacity; behavioral interventions – students prepared for school; APEX online learning; families need to be engaged.

## Business Office Report:

Mr. Murphy explained to the Committee that large packets of paper would no longer be distributed to the Committee but rather, reports in the form of two templates: Salary report and General expense. They will be a snapshot of the fiscal management system and will be updated and supplied to the Committee. Explanations will be given as the year progresses.

To a question asked of Mr. Murphy, it was explained that left over funds could be used for SPED out of district placement costs and the purchase of technology.

To a question from Mayor Mitchell, Mr. Murphy said that the two most common expenses that could send the budget off track would be overtime costs and energy costs.

Mr. Livramento asked if the district has plans to move forward to update technology in schools. Mr. Murphy said the future reporting will project spending several years into the future for improvements such as technology.

Mr. Tetreault, Information Technology Director addressed the Committee and reported that the software system, MUNIS, will go live with the City in January. Current system will also run to assure proper staff training, data is converted and production of W-2's and other financial documents are intact. Mr. Tetreault said he felt confident that the timeline could be reached.

Dr. Finnerty asked how this system will help educationally. Mr. Tetreault said that personnel positions will now be tracked by position rather than people and more time will be able to be spent on more important issues.

Ms. Bradshaw, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources briefly addressed the Committee by reviewing the Personnel Report and assuring the Committee that they are being very careful to know the funding source of positions.

Several School Committee members gave reports.

The Student Representative gave his report.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Livramento to accept the Business Manager's report and to receive and place on file the Personnel Report.

## Public Comment:

- Louis St. John – New Bedford Educators Assn., Inc. President – Concerns about the district

Dr. Durkin stated to the Committee that an approval to request creation of several positions would help the district to build capacity in the technology department and to help bolster services for English Language Learners in the district. She also mentioned that both positions were included in the FY 14 budget. If approved, the district will advertise as soon as possible to hopefully bring people on board in November.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to approve a request to create the following positions:

- Implementation Manager for Quality Services for English Language Learners
- Management Information Systems Manager

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to approve a request to from Ken Gouveia/Teacher/NBHS, for permission to attend the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) competition in New York City, from October 3 – 4, 2013 at no cost to the local budget.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock to approve a request brought forth by the Finance Sub Committee to increase the New Bedford High School Evening Extension Program's tuition as follows:

- Residents: \$120.00 per course (increased by \$10.00)
- Non-residents: \$180.00 per course (increased by \$20.00)

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Nobrega to nominate Dr. Finnerty as voting delegate and Mr. Oliveira as alternate to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) annual business meeting on November 8, 2013.

At 7:35 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining Strategies/Negotiations: Unit A – New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.; Negotiations: Unit B – New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.; Negotiations: New Bedford Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 2378 and Non Union Personnel Matters and to return to Open Session.

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

At 8:13 P.M. the Committee returned to Open Session. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee voted to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the New Bedford School Committee and the New Bedford Federation of Paraprofessionals, Local 2378, regarding working hours at the Hayden McFadden School and the John A. Parker School.

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

At 8:14 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa P. Dunaway  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Pia Durkin, Ph.D.  
Superintendent,  
Secretary/School Committee

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