

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
~MINUTES~**

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, MR. OLIVEIRA, MR. AMARAL, MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. NOBREGA, MS. POLLOCK

ABSENT: DR. FINNERTY

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, MR. DEFALCO, DR. RABINOVITCH, MS. EMSLEY, MRS. DUNAWAY (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M.

On a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session, with the intent to return to Open Session, for the following purposes:

- To discuss strategies with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel
 - Superintendent's Contract
- To discuss strategies with respect to negotiations with union personnel
 - Unit A – New Bedford Educators Association
 - Paraprofessionals
- Security Update

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6– Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

At 6:40 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Oliviera and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6– Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

Special Recognition was given to Dr. Bernard Portnoy who served as School Physician for 43 years.

Approval of Minutes: (Supporting document 5)

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to accept the following Executive Session minutes: 10/21/13; 12/13/13; 2/10/14; 3/10/14; 4/9/14; 5/5/14; 6/16/14; 7/14/14; 8/25/14; 9/15/14; 10/9/14; 10/20/14; 11/17/14; 12/15/14; 1/12/15

Superintendent’s Report (Dr. Durkin): (Supporting documents labeled “6A”)

- Dr. Durkin introduced the new School Physician, Dr. Nancy Langhans
- Dr. Durkin made the following introductions of new Principals/Administrators:
 - Dr. Rafaela DeFigueiredo – Principal/Taylor Elementary School
 - Ms. Margaret Welch – Principal/Winslow Elementary School
 - Ms. Lisa Wheelden – Principal/Campbell Elementary School
 - Ms. Victoria Roman – Director of Math/STEM
- Dr. Durkin presented the district-wide Beginning of Year (BOY) and End of Year (EOY) Galileo and DIBELS data.

Galileo

Name of School	Grade Level	Pretest % Proficient	Posttest % Proficient	Change
NBPS	Math 02	61 % (723)	65% (801)	+4
NBPS	Math 03	60% (670)	77% (876)	+17
NBPS	Math 04	34% (346)	48% (512)	+14
NBPS	Math 05	45% (424)	61% (592)	+16
NBPS	Math 06	45% (367)	59% (500)	+14
NBPS	Math 07	24% (189)	35% (291)	+11
NBPS	Math 08	28% (208)	28% (214)	+0
NRPS	FLA 02	43% (512)	57% (705)	+14
NBPS	ELA 03	43% (475)	52% (597)	+9
NBPS	ELA 04	31% (316)	39% (408)	+8
NBPS	ELA 05	47% (445)	53% (521)	+6
NBPS	ELA 06	51% (402)	42% (341)	-9
NBPS	ELA 07	51% (388)	28% (223)	-23
NBPS	ELA 08	58% (436)	48% (354)	-10

DIBELS

Grade Level	BOY 14-15 % Proficient	EOY 14-15 % Proficient
Kindergarten	52%	82%
Grade 1	62%	72%
<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>80%</i> <i>Broke the cycle of flat performance at 73% over the past 2 years.</i>

Mr. DeFalco explained that grades 7 & 8 are undergoing dramatic changes in the area of math. There was no sense of alignment last year from classroom to classroom in what was being taught. This year rigorous standards and alignment have been developed, materials have been secured for units of study and there are required expectations for reading and writing.

Dr. Durkin went over several of the positive highlights including the fact that the kindergarten students, entering grade one, tested over 90% proficient at Parker School. Other factors such as the new Reading Street reading program helped to increase scores.

A brief discussion took place in regard to the data presented by Dr. Durkin and Mr. DeFalco.

Dr. Durkin continued with a summer planning update to prepare for the 2015-16 school year. Items include:

- Review all EOY data sets- academic, discipline, attendance: staff and student
- Review summative evaluation feedback- by school, grade, and classroom to set goals and next steps for the upcoming school year
- Hold optional meeting(s) with SILT, School Council, PTO
- Review and reflect on school improvement plans and professional development
- Sketch out preliminary actions for both new school improvement and professional development plans
- Prepare for building opening and launch of the school year

Business Office Report (Dr. Rabinovitch): (Supporting documents labeled "6B")

- Salary spend down – All salaries for FY15 have been paid including raises. A small balance will be held in reserve if further bills arrive
- General expense for departments and schools – shows a balance – also being held to pay bills and to be used for paying expenses for "pre-buys" such as the Envision Math books and the second payment (of 3) for Reading Street.

MSBA

- NBHS
- Phase one of technology and HVAC upgrades has begun and repair of bus stop roofs has started
- Phase 2 of pool repairs is underway
- Intruder Alarm System will be operational soon
- Taylor School
- Plans are moving along. Architect has sent the complete design to the MSBA.
- Hannigan School
- Plans are moving along. In September, project will go before the City Council for appropriation. The cost of the project is \$38M – the city will be responsible for approximately \$12-\$13M. The school is expected to open in September of 2017.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to accept the Business Office Report.

Personnel Report (Ms. Emsley): (Supporting documents labeled "6C")

Ms. Emsley reviewed the personnel report with the Committee. She reported that there were 18 new hires, six retirements and 13 resignations since the last report in June. She reported that there are 16 vacancies at the high school, many of them Special Education positions. Dr. Durkin commented that there is significant difficulty in finding Special Education teachers, not just for NBPS, but for most districts.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to accept the Personnel Report.

Ms. Pollock gave a report and voiced her concern regarding how low income statistics would be gathered accurately if free and reduced lunch calculations cannot be used. Mr. O’Leary explained the DESE is working on trying to come up with a formula, in the absence of free and reduced lunch total numbers (due to the Universal Free Breakfast and Lunch Program in the schools), to determine the district’s low income status.

Student Representative gave her report.

Public Comment:

- Eddie Johnson – representing Citizens Leading Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) – concern for suspected mold at Hayden McFadden School.
- Catherine Edwards – concern for her child

New Business:

Dr. Rabinovitch explained to the Committee that the New Bedford Public Schools will hold two open registrations for artificial turf fields, twice per year. The application period for the spring will take place on January 1st through March 1st of each year. New Bedford residents ONLY will have an opportunity to reserve the athletic fields during the first week of January, from January 1st to the 7th. Open for registration for all organizations starts on January 8th to March 1st. Spring registration usage covers from March 15th to August 31st.

The application period for the fall will take place on June 1st through August 1st of each year. New Bedford residents ONLY will have an opportunity to reserve the athletic fields during the first week of June, from June 1st to the 7th. Open for registration for all organizations starts on June 8th to August 1st. Fall registration usage covers from September 1st to November 30th. The artificial turf fields will be rented to New Bedford groups first and certain reservation dates would be planned twice per year.

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted to approve an addendum to Policy KGR: Athletic Artificial Turf Fields. (Supporting document 8A)

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted to approve a request to hold Summer Graduation Exercises on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in the Bronspiegel Auditorium at New Bedford High School at 6:00 P.M. (Supporting document 8B)

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee voted to approve the 2015-16 School Committee Meeting Calendar. (Supporting document 8C)

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to approve to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at Normandin Middle School. (Supporting document 8D)

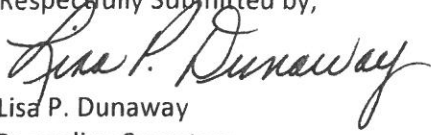
At 7:50 P.M., on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

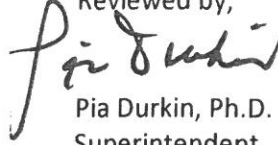
6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

Respectfully Submitted by,



Lisa P. Dunaway
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



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

