



**REGULAR MEETING**  
**New Bedford School Committee**  
**New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, MA**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

***This Meeting was fully remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G. L. c. 30A, Section 20.***

**PRESENT:** MR. BRUCE OLIVEIRA, MR. CHRISTOPHER COTTER, MR. JACK LIVRAMENTO, MR. JOSHUA AMARAL, MS. COLLEEN DAWICKI, MR. JOHN OLIVEIRA

**ABSENT:** MAYOR JON MITCHELL

**IN ATTENDANCE:** MR. THOMAS ANDERSON, MS. MARJORIE FERNANDES, MS. KAREN TREADUP, MR. ANDREW O'LEARY, MS. HEATHER EMSLEY, MR. ARTHUR MOTTA, MR. ROBERT TETREAULT

Meeting Start: 7:16 pm – (Late start due to technical difficulties)

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

2. *ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Absent
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Joshua Amaral and seconded by Mr. Bruce Oliveira to accept the approval of the October 5, 2020 School Committee meeting minutes.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Absent
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent

4. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT*

Superintendent Thomas Anderson stated his report has been set up as a Power Point presentation of slides to be placed on New Bedford Cable Access for meeting participants to review.

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Jack Livramento to accept the Superintendent's report as presented to the School Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Absent
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	<i>6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent</i>

## 5. OTHER REPORTS

Finance & Operations – Mr. Andrew O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations shared with the Committee that he has only two primary items on his report for the evening. He began his report with the additional appropriation breakdown. Member, Mr. Bruce Oliveira suggested a motion to accept the appropriated breakdown.

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. John Oliveira that the additional appropriation be allocated as presented to the School Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Absent
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	<i>6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent</i>

Mr. O'Leary went on with a quick review of the Transfer report and was moved forward on a motion by the Committee.

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. John Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Jack Livramento to accept the Transfer report as presented to the School Committee.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Absent
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	<i>6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent</i>

Personnel Report – Ms. Heather Emsley, Executive Director of Human Capital Services (HCS), shared that there were 22 appointments with 4 from Unit A, 9 from AFSCME, 4 paraprofessionals and 9 non-union, as well as, 12 retirements from Unit A, 3 from AFSCME and 1 paraprofessional. Ms. Emsley added that there were 4 resignations with 1 from Unit A, 1 non-union, 1 AFSCME and 1 paraprofessionals. She concluded there was one transfer from Unit A.

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. John Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Jack Livramento to accept the Personnel report to place on file.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Absent
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	<i>6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent</i>

School Committee Report – Member, Ms. Colleen Dawicki shared that the Boston Fed is hosting a Racism and the Economy series on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and New Bedford High School teacher of the year, Takeru Nagayoshi will be moderating a panel for the topic of education. She added that the YWCA is hosting an Anti-Racism training specifically for School Committee members on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6pm. Ms. Dawicki ended with updating the public that Kindergarten registration starts on January 19<sup>th</sup>. She stated she is happy to be registering her child and everyone should check out the NBPS website for more information or call the Family Registration Center to set up an appointment.

Member, Mr. Jack Livramento shared that the School Resource Officers (SRO) working groups have begun and everyone is registered to attend the meetings. He added that he is on the research committee and is looking forward to working in the group and seeing how the group will move forward.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Jack Livramento and seconded by Mr. Christopher Cotter to give permission for New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS) to move forward the NBPS Central Kitchen acquisition request to the New Bedford City Council for property located at 449 North Street, New Bedford, MA.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes

Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes

Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes

Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes

Mayor Mitchell - Absent

*6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent*

## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to enter into Executive Session for purpose #3 in respect to negotiations with union personnel:

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes

Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes

Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes

Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes

Mayor Mitchell - Absent

*6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent*

## 8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to return to Open Session:

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes

Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes

Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes

Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes

Mayor Mitchell - Absent

*6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent*

The School Committee vote on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to approve the AFSCME union contract as presented to the School Committee.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – No  
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes  
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes  
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes  
Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes  
Mayor Mitchell - Absent  
*5-Yeas, 1-Nays, 1-Absent*

The School Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Christopher Cotter to adjourn the School Committee meeting.

The roll call was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes  
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Yes  
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes  
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes

Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes  
Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes  
Mayor Mitchell - Absent  
*6-Yeas, 0-Nays, 1-Absent*

Meeting Ended: 8:06 PM

Submitted by:



Marjorie Fernandes  
Senior Executive Assistant  
Recording Secretary, School Committee

Reviewed by:



Thomas Anderson  
Superintendent  
Secretary, School Committee