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REGULAR MEETING
New Bedford School Committee
Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, MA
Monday, August 9, 2021
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR JON MITCHELL, MR. BRUCE OLIVEIRA, MR. JOSHUA AMARAL, MS. COLLEEN DAWICKI, MR. CHRISTOPHER COTTER, MR. JACK LIVRAMENTO

ABSENT: MR. JOHN OLIVEIRA

IN ATTENDANCE: MR. THOMAS ANDERSON, MS. MARJORIE FERNANDES, MS. KAREN TREADUP, MR. ANDREW O'LEARY, MS. HEATHER EMSLEY, MR. ARTHUR MOTTA, MS. JENNIFER CARLING, MS. JENNIFER FERLING, MS. SONIA WALMSLEY, MS. DARCIE AUNGST, MR. MATTHEW KRAVITZ, MR. NATHAN COUTO, MR. TIM MCLAUGHLIN, MR. BRIAN TURNER, MS. LYNN SOUZA, MS. JULIE MADOR, MR. JOSHUA AMARAL, MR. STEVEN HARKEY, MR. RUSSELL LEVENDUSKY, MS. LAURA GARCIA, MS. TRINA CAMARAO

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

2. *ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS*

The roll call was as follows:

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

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

Mayor Mitchell called a moment of silence for Dr. Hebert R. Waters, Jr.. Dr. Waters spent 32 years working for New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS) and spent most of those years as the Principal of Sgt. William H. Carney Academy.

3. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Jack Livramento and seconded by Mr. Christopher Cotter to approve the June 14, 2021 and the July 12, 2021 meeting minutes as presented to the School Committee.

The vote was as follows:

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

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

4. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Members of the community signed up to speak during the allotted public comment time with several of their comments surrounding School Resource Officers (SRO) being present in NBPS buildings. A few community members voiced their feelings in regards to students wearing face masks for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Community members who spoke were: Wendy Graca, Thomas Nickerson, Daniella Dias, Carmen Amaral, Cara Busch, Jodi Guinn, Maria Fortes, Brittany LeTendre, McKenzie McCree, Sandra Lobo and Jesse Franco.

5. *SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT*

Superintendent Thomas Anderson introduced the School Committee to the new administrators and new roles to NBPS.

The new Principals were as follows:

Ms. Justine Santos, James B. Congdon Elementary School (acting)

Mr. David Mather, Keith Middle School (acting)

Ms. Nicole Brine, Carlos Pacheco Elementary School (acting)

Ms. Amy Bousquet, John A. Parker Elementary School

Mr. Christopher Oliva, Trinity Day Academy

The new Administrators and new administrative roles were as follow:

Mr. Matthew Kravitz, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Services

Ms. Laura Garcia, Curriculum & Data Assessment Manager, English Language Arts, Office of School Performance

Mr. Nathan Couto, Curriculum & Data Assessment Manager, English Language Learners, Office of School Performance

Ms. Darcie Aungst, Curriculum & Data Assessment Manager, Elementary Schools, Office of School Performance

Ms. Trina Camarao, Chief Academic Office for Elementary Schools, Office of School Performance

Mr. Brian Turner, Chief Academic Officer for Secondary Schools, Office of School Performance

The Superintendent gave a school readiness overview and reviewed updates in the following areas: Facilities, Staffing, Technology, Office of School Performance, and the Family Registration Center. He then asked, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Mr. Andrew O'Leary to review the facilities expenditures with the Committee. Mr. O'Leary shared the cleaning stages, furniture and Covid-19 readiness projects that are ongoing in preparations for the opening of schools. Next, Ms. Heather Emsley, Executive Director of Human Capital Services gave an update on the vacancies by school and by union personnel. She shared that the vacancy data is changing by the minute due to resignations and the hiring process moving along.

Registrar, Ms. Julie Mador, of the Family Registration Center (FRC) presented registration updates and data to the members. She gave breakdowns of the registration and screenings for preschool and kindergarteners, Grades 1-12, English language learners and migrant students. She shared the countries of origin for newly registered students and included the challenges that the FRC specialist are dealing with. Reasons included: missing immunizations, missed screening, etc. She concluded that she is keeping an eye on high enrollment numbers for second grade at the Elizabeth Carter Brooks, Alfred J. Gomes and Irwin M. Jacobs Elementary Schools and the fourth grade at Brooks and Gomes. Mr. Steven Harkey, Curriculum, Data & Assessment specialist for the Office of School Performance stepped in to review the new automated enrollment support tools that are now available. The system tracks students and the daily shifts that happen within the school, registration and the data collecting process. Ms. Mador concluded with a description and purpose of the new Gateway Registration process.

Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Karen Treadup then gave an update on the readiness of the Office of School Performance. She reviewed the materials, plans, guides, alignments and professional development partnerships. She explained the district-wide and school-based curricula orders and closed out with an update on technology services.

The Superintendent shared what will be done moving forward with the SRO program and stated he will provide another update at the next School Committee meeting. He reviewed the guiding principals for the 2021-2022 school year: safety and well-being, equity and access for all, strengthen connections between staff and families and that NBPS will continue to be focused in the continuity of learning and setting plans to accommodate teacher absence(s) due to quarantines or isolations. Reminders were given to the Committee: Consistency with handwashing and sanitizing, face masks, vaccination clinics, "Test and Stay" protocol and close contact and quarantine protocols. Surrounding face masks this coming school year, the Superintendent stated that he is highly recommending face masks be worn and it is up to the parents to make that decision. Chairman, Mayor Jon Mitchell asked for a motion to review items 6A and 6D on the meeting agenda out of order.

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Christopher Cotter and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to take item 6A – first item on list and item 6D on the meeting agenda out of order.

The vote was as follows:

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

After discussion, questions and the uncertainty of some of the Committee members in regards to policy language, the decision was made to table the consideration of the second and final reading of the EBCFA Face Coverings policy.

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Colleen Dawicki and seconded by Mr. Jack Livramento to table consideration of the second and final reading of the EBCFA Face Coverings policy.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Absent	Mr. Joshua Amaral - No
Mr. Christopher Cotter – No	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Yes	Mayor Mitchell - Yes
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – No	<i>3-Yeas, 3-Nays, 1-Absent</i>

6. OTHER REPORTS

A. Finance & Operations - Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Mr. O’Leary began with the General Expense report and shared that this is the first look at the FY 2022 budget and how early spending is going. He reviewed the report and stated NBPS is on target for a good net school spending year. He then gave a brief overview of the following finance reports: Salary Spenddown, Transfers and Grants. Member, Mr. Bruce Oliveira stated for the record that the Finance Sub-Committee recommended an approval of the transfers as presented to the Committee.

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

The vote was as follows:

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

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Jack Livramento and seconded by Mr. Christopher Cotter to accept the Finance and Operations reports as presented to the School Committee.

The vote was as follows:

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

B. Personnel Report – Ms. Heather Emsley, Executive Director of Human Capital Services (HCS), shared there were 71 appointments (1 candidate rescinded acceptance making it 70 appointments) with 52 from Unit A (96% licensed), 1 from Unit B, 16 non-union and 2 paraprofessionals. There is 1 retirement from Unit A scheduled for December and 20 resignations with 9 from Unit A, 6 non-union, 2 from AFSCME and 3 paraprofessionals. There were 17 transfers with 15 from Unit A, 1 from AFSCME and 1 paraprofessional.

Ms. Emsley gave HCS updates and shared with the Committee that Ms. Sonia Walmsley, Executive Director for Educational Access and Pathways helped introduce NBPS to the Cultural Exchange Program. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) invited NBPS to have experienced educators from Spain to teach in the district. DESE sponsors each educator and there is no cost, above the contractual salary, to partnering districts. DESE has screened and selected 45 fully bilingual candidates this year to teach in Massachusetts. Ms. Emsley reported that NBPS is working with five finalists for roles in three schools: two for Roosevelt Middle School, one for Keith Middle School and two for the Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School. Educators in the program can stay for up to 5 years and districts maintain their legal rights if they feel it is not an appropriate fit.

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to place the Personnel report on file as presented to the School Committee.

The vote was as follows:

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

C. School Committee Report: No reports to submit.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the second and final reading of the following policies to amend/adopt (reviewed and approved by the Policy Sub-Committee).

File: KBE Relations with the Parent/Booster Organizations

File: EBCFA Face Coverings – taken out of agenda order and *TABLED earlier in meeting*

File: ADF District School Wellness Policy

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Joshua Amaral to sever the second policy to be able to discuss and vote on the policies separately.

The vote was as follows:

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

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Joshua Amaral and seconded by Ms. Colleen Dawicki to approve the second and final reading of the KBE Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations policy as presented.

The vote was as follows:

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

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Joshua Amaral and seconded by Ms. Bruce Oliveira to approve the second and final reading of the ADF District School Wellness policy as presented.

The vote was as follows:

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

B. Request approval for pay rates for substitute teachers for the fiscal year 2022

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral that the change to the Substitute Pay Rates be approved as presented.

The vote was as follows:

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

C. Consideration of approval of the Revolving Funds and Grants for fiscal year 2022.

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Jack Livramento to approve the Revolving Funds and Grants for FY 2022 as presented.

The vote was as follows:

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

D. Consideration of approval to name the Sea Lab Education Center the Mayor Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz Jr. Center
(from the Facilities Sub Committee – first reading – this proposal will not be voted on at this meeting – per School Committee policy: FF)

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Jack Livramento to pass to second reading the naming of the Sea Lab Education Center to the Mayor Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz Jr. Center as presented.

The vote was as follows:

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

E. Discussion concerning possible mask mandates. This item was taken out of order and discussed during item 5 on the agenda: Superintendent Report.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Jack Livramento and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session for the following purpose:

A. Per MGL 30A & 21(a) 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:

- AFSCME

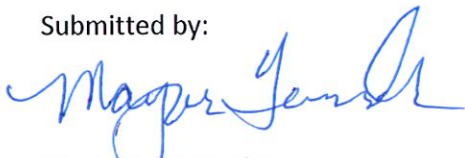
The roll call vote was as follows:

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

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 PM

Submitted by:



Marjorie Fernandes
Senior Executive Assistant
Recording Secretary, School Committee

Reviewed by:



Thomas Anderson
Superintendent
Secretary, School Committee



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SPECIAL MEETING
New Bedford School Committee
Keith Middle School, 225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, MA
Wednesday, September 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR JON MITCHELL, MR. BRUCE OLIVEIRA, MR. JOSHUA AMARAL, MS. COLLEEN DAWICKI,
MR. JOHN OLIVEIRA

ABSENT: MR. JACK LIVRAMENTO, MR CHRISTOPHER COTTER

IN ATTENDANCE: MR. THOMAS ANDERSON, MS. MARJORIE FERNANDES, MS. KAREN TREADUP, MR. ANDREW
O'LEARY, MS. HEATHER EMSLEY, MR. ARTHUR MOTTA, MS. JENNIFER CARLING, MS. SONIA
WALMSLEY, MR. MATTHEW KRAVITZ

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 – Absent	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Absent	Mayor Mitchell – Yes
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	5-Yeas, 0-Nays, 2-Absent

Chairman, Mayor Jon Mitchell opened the meeting stating the School Committee called this Special Meeting for one topic, the Innovators Charter School (ICS) application that was submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The next regular School Committee meeting will not be held until Monday, September 20th and the Committee did not want to wait to share this information with the community and get feedback.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Mayor Mitchell asked Superintendent Thomas Anderson to move forward with the ICS Charter School application information and stated that Public Comment would be conducted after the Superintendent's presentation.

4. *NEW BUSINESS*

A. Discussion on Charter School Application

Superintendent Anderson gave a summary and background information due to New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS) going through a similar process with the Alma Del Mar Charter School expansion a few years ago. He

explained how charter school applications are approved and shared what the proposed mission for the school would be and that the application is for 735 seats for grades 6-12. He included the potential opening would be for September 2022 with 315 students in grades 6-8 drawn from New Bedford and Fall River, MA.

The Superintendent presented the application timeline:

Letter of Intent Deadline	July 30, 2021 by 12pm
Initial Application Deadline	August 16, 2021 by 12pm
Proven Provider Request Deadline	August 16, 2021 by 12pm
<i>Commissioner Invites Selected Applicants to Submit Final Application</i>	<i>September 2021</i>
<i>Proven Provider Determination by Commissioner</i>	<i>September 2021</i>
Final Application Deadline	November 15, 2021 by 12pm
Public Hearings	December 2021
Final Applicant Interviews	December 2021
Commissioner Decision and Board Vote	February 2022

He reminded everyone that NBPS is in the lowest 10% of schools in Massachusetts and shared that DESE metrics fluctuate, as things change, the numbers in the metric changes and DESE continues to use only MCAS scores. He stated that the schools on the lowest 10% list will be locked in this status until after the 2023-2024 school year. Regardless of how well NBPS does on MCAS testing it will not make a difference regarding the districts status on the lowest 10% list. As the community reviews the Charter School application the Superintendent asked to keep in mind the programs that NBPS already offers students and new programs going through the process.

He shared that there is an Early college application partnership in progress with BCC and New Bedford High School (NBHS) to establish pathways to pursue designations in Business and STEM. STEM pathways lead to IT, Health Sciences, Engineering and Sustainability majors. Students will have the opportunity to take these courses free of charge. He included that an application was submitted for candidacy to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) school community offering the IB Middle Years Program (MYP) at the middle schools and the IB Diploma Program (DP) at the high school. This will give all students an opportunity to tap into this type of programming. Once granted candidacy, school leaders and the school community will participate in IB professional development opportunities and work with coaching supports.

The Superintendent reviewed the next steps for the charter school application is to prove they are Proven Providers. The DESE Commissioner will make his decision based upon the applicants being qualified proven providers. He noted changes were made by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in their June 2021 meeting. He shared that the Board voted to amend the charter school regulations. The adopted change permitted last year's lowest 10 percent ranking to be used for this year's lowest 10 percent ranking due to the lack of MCAS results for 2020. The Massachusetts legislature has also taken action to maintain the same list for future years (2022 and 2023) as described in Charter 29, Section 59 of the Acts of 2021. Committee member, Mr. Bruce Oliveira wanted to know if this legislation was passed. The Superintendent responded that it was passed on June 11, 2021.

Mr. Andrew O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations oriented the Committee as to where NBPS is currently with charter schools and charter school funding and where does the new charter school proposal and Alma Del Mar expansion leave NBPS over the next 5 or 6 years. Mr. O'Leary reviewed how Chapter

70 funds are affected by current and newly approved charter schools. Chairman, Mayor Mitchell shared how charter school seats are determined and said the group who submitted the application does not have enough seats in their district and is why they are trying to set up in the City of New Bedford. Mr. O'Leary continued on and explained what the appropriation and the MCAS freeze does to the Chapter 70 funds and went on to review the reimbursement process and what the district has to bare when students switch to a charter school. Some of the points he shared were as follows:

- The Charter Reimbursement process purports to ensure: "a tuition that is comparable to what would have been spent on a charter student had he or she stayed in the home district."
- Despite a much touted formula that should defray charter growth impact, this overall line is funded at 63.2% of its target. In addition, capital/facilities aid to charters is 100% funded/fulfilled, resulting in a partial funding of charter school reimbursement aid to cities.
- While the out of district (OOD) special education tuition component is excluded when Charter Tuition is assessed, it is long noted that the OOD estimate/assumption, used to calculate aid, does not consider the actual, outsized and extraordinary cost impacts on the home district budget. The home district must manage OOD costs, with a Circuit Breaker reimbursement (also underfunded at 60-70%) program the only mechanism available to assist.

Mr. O'Leary reviewed the projected net costs for charter schools over the next eight years. He shared a Fiscal Impact Analysis chart and added that he used very conservative estimates and relied on state projections to depict the impact up to the 2029 school year according to an implementation scenario with the ICS application. He noted the following: Chart assumes 100:60:40% target for state reimbursement for new students at 75:90:100 funding. State budget language prioritizes facilities aid (to charter) over transition aid (to district). Inferring Fall River Public Schools enrollment of 80 students in year 1 and 40 students each subsequent year based on the proposal. Transportation costs sent directly to Charter and garnished from the City Charter reimbursement. Mr. O'Leary closed his segment showing how the aid from the State has not kept up the pace with health insurance and special education which causes the underfunding in other aspects of the operation such as: competitive salaries for teachers and reinvesting in facilities, etc. He reminded everyone of the Student Opportunity Act and how those funds come in staggered over time and included NBPS will see difficulties beginning in 2023. The Superintendent added how there will be a definite impact on investments for students and facilities.

Committee members shared remarks in regards to the ICS application. Member, John Oliveira was not opposed to parent's having another choice in schools. Member, Joshua Amaral felt another charter would harm the district and how does the district gain traction in moving forward, despite all the positive growth NBPS has made. Vice Chair, Ms. Colleen Dawicki asked for the information to be available for the community so then can learn more and give feedback about it.

After member remarks, the Chairman shared he's in opposition of the ICS application. He pointed out the financial implications it would have on the school district and suggested that the community look at pages 118 and 120 in the charter school application and review that information. He stated there are people on both sides of a financial transaction: On the board of the bank and the board of the Charter school. He stated that this appears to be a conflict of interest and added that this is not for the School Committee to decide but for the State Ethics Commission and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). He feels this needs to be brought

to light, but not for the School Committee to decide. He concluded by stating he and the New Bedford Educators Association opposes this and hopes that the State does the right thing.

The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to oppose the Innovators Charter School application and information presented to the School Committee.

The vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – No	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Absent	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Absent	Mayor Mitchell - Yes
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	<i>4-Yeas, 1-Nays, 2-Absent</i>

After the motion, the Chairman turned to the Public Comment portion of the meeting and invited community member, Ms. Michelle Willis to the podium to share her comment. Ms. Willis shared that she resides in New Bedford and is a paraprofessional with NBPS. She came to the meeting to share that she opposes another charter school in the city. She understands the affects this decision will have on NBPS due to her facing the challenges in the schools on a daily basis. Mr. Thomas Nickerson, President of the New Bedford Educators Association shared his and union membership’s opposition for the charter school and fully supports NBPS.

5. ADJOURN

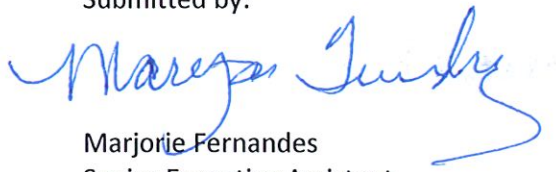
The School Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bruce Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Joshua Amaral to adjourn the School Committee meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. John Oliveira – Yes	Mr. Joshua Amaral – Yes
Mr. Christopher Cotter – Absent	Ms. Colleen Dawicki – Yes
Mr. Jack Livramento – Absent	Mayor Mitchell - Yes
Mr. Bruce Oliveira – Yes	<i>5-Yeas, 0-Nays, 2-Absent</i>

Meeting ended: 7:01PM

Submitted by:



Marjorie Fernandes
Senior Executive Assistant
Recording Secretary, School Committee

Reviewed by:



Thomas Anderson
Superintendent
Secretary, School Committee