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November 24, 2014
6:30 P.M.

POLICY REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MR. AMARAL, MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. POLLOCK

ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, MS. WALMSLEY, MR. CARVALHO, MS. DAWSON,
MR. DEFALCO

1. Call to Order:

2. New Business:

- a) Homeless Students: Enrollment rights and services. Ms. Walmsley reviewed McKinney-Vento Act, how it impacts New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS), and how the district is working to implement the regulations and support the students deemed as homeless. The district has been awarded \$30,000.00 to help support NBPS homeless students. Our current policy covers most items. Language change in the policy definition of homeless is doubled up unaccompanied, unsheltered, hotels/motels, awaiting foster care. Ms. Walmsley will update policy and bring to the full School Committee.
- b) Cell phone use at NBPS: We are staying with the current policy and not make any recommendations.
- c) James Hardy, Field Representative from Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), who is helping to update our policies, will be at the next Sub Committee on January 29, 2015 to present policy changes to the committee.
- d) School Committee will have a presentation on December 15, 2014 re: Chapter 222 37 H 3/4 (Discipline Policy).
- e) A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jason DeFalco
Chief Academic Officer