

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

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, MS. POLLOCK (arrived at 7:15), MR. NOBREGA, MR. LIVRAMENTO, DR. FLETCHER, ATTY. CLARK, DR. FINNERTY

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, DR. LARKIN, MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MRS. BROWN, MRS. MOURAO

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

Election of School Committee Vice Chairperson for 2012 took place as follows:

Motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty to nominate Ms. Marlene Pollock for Vice Chairperson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Abstained	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty - Yes
Mr. Livramento - Yes	

6 – Yeas      0 – Nays      1 - Abstention

Ms. Marlene Pollock was unanimously elected as the School Committee Vice Chairperson for 2012.

Motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to forward recommendations for Subcommittee positions to the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty - Yes
Mr. Livramento - Yes	

7 – Yeas      0 – Nays

Superintendent Francis explained that a new, revised copy of the minutes from the special School Committee meeting that took place on November 28, 2011 had been distributed to each member prior to the start of this meeting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and Dr. Fletcher, to approve the following minutes as recorded:

- December 12, 2011 – Regular Meeting
- November 28, 2011 – Special Meeting
- October 24, 2011 – Special Meeting
- October 17, 2011 – Regular Meeting
- July 11, 2011 – Regular Meeting
- June 23, 2011 – Special Meeting & Budget Working Session
- June 13, 2011 – Regular Meeting

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty - Yes
Mr. Livramento - Yes	

7 – Yeas      0 – Nays

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file the Financial Report.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report

As part of the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Francis and Mrs. Daly updated the Committee on the Galileo Benchmarks data as well as attendance data provided by Dr. Larkin.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark to take items 5A and 5B out of order.

Marissa Perez-Dormitzer talked about the continued efforts with the Recycling Program taking place in the schools. The winner for this month was Winslow School. Winners receive a \$500 award.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve a request from David Vieira/President/NB Youth Soccer Assoc., for permission to use the Normandin field every Saturday from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM and Sunday from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM in March through mid-June, for their Spring Soccer Program, with a waiver of all fees. In addition, permission is also being requested to use the same field every Saturday from 7:00 AM-5:00 PM beginning in August through mid-November, for their Fall Soccer Program, with a waiver of all fees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to accept the following donations altogether:

- 1) Matthew Riley/Principal/Taylor – various toys from Toys for Tots to be distributed to various students.
- 2) Derek Medeiros/Principal/Hathaway – various winter garments and Price Rite gift cards (\$75 total) from the Marion Cook Lynch Mission to be distributed to various students.
- 3) Dr. Jeanne Bonneau/Principal/Normandin – \$960.74 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund.
- 4) Richard Desrosiers/Principal/Keith - \$782.49 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund.
- 5) New Bedford Public Schools - Seven (7) \$350 Mini-grants to various teachers/administrators from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts to facilitate and support improvements and initiatives in the areas of the Arts, STEM, and World Languages.
- 6) Susan Beck/Principal/Hannigan - \$50 grant award from the Aquidneck Collaborative for Education for the student activity fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at the Parker, Ashley, and Pacheco Schools and the Federal Office at the Administration Building.

Returning to the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Francis reported on the following:

- RTTT update
- Educator Evaluation Model System, 1/10/12 Release
- School Committee Training, 2/18/12
- Athletic Concussion Policy Draft – due 3/1/12

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to receive the Superintendent's Report.

Several School Committee members and the Student Representative gave their reports.

A discussion ensued about the District Turnaround Plan, benchmark assessment data and attendance data.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive the School Committee Reports.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive the Student Representative Report.

Mayor Mitchell reminded the audience that their comments during the Public Comment section should not exceed two minutes. Public Comment was as follows:

- Mr. Evangelos Safioleas – expressed his concern on NBPS policy, BDDH – “Public Participation at School Committee Meetings.” He also talked about the port-a-potty issue at the McCoy field.
- Mr. Eddie Johnson – expressed his concern regarding School Committee members abstaining from voting.
- Ms. Rebecca Carlen – informed the Committee about a new program to help students.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Atty. Clark, to receive and place on file a communication from the City Council requesting that New Bedford Public Schools as part of all future school building construction, renovations and retrofitting projects, install Radar Speed Limiting Signs.

Motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- Union Negotiations Update


The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty - Yes
Mr. Livramento - Yes	

7 – Yeas      0 – Nays

At 10:45 P.M., on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis  
Superintendent,  
Secretary/School Committee

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