

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, MS. POLLOCK, 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.

Mayor Mitchell introduced Kathryn Duff from the New Bedford Education Foundation (NBEF). Ms. Duff indicated that because of the grant application submitted by Mr. Jeffrey Longo, Teacher at New Bedford High School, NBEF was awarding seven iPad IIs with Sync Trays and Apple Care packages for NBPS teachers. Ms. Duff presented one iPad to Mr. Jeffrey Longo and Mr. Andrew Kulak, Headmaster at New Bedford High School.

Marissa Perez-Dormitzer/Recycling Champions announced that Pacheco School was the February recycling winner. Winners receive a \$500 award.

Motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to receive and place on file the following minutes:

- December 21, 2011 – Special Meeting
- December 12, 2011 – Finance Subcommittee Meeting
- December 5, 2011 – Transportation Subcommittee Meeting
- November 14, 2011 – Finance Subcommittee Meeting
- November 7, 2011 – Facilities Subcommittee Meeting
- June 20, 2011 – Special Meeting & Budget Working Session

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to approve the following requests for field/building usage:

- 1) Sgt. Amos Melo/New Bedford Police Department, for permission to use the community room at Keith Middle School on July 23, 25, 30, August 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 2012 from 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. for the G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education & Training) Summer Camp with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees.
- 2) Monica Castro/Invest-in-Kids After School Programs/City of N.B., for permission to use the Lincoln School cafeteria on Saturday, March 29, 2012 from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM, for a spaghetti fundraisers, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees.
- 3) Maria Tomasia/Chairperson/Board of Election Commissioners, for permission to use portions of Lincoln School, Campbell School, Carney Academy, Hathaway School, Hayden-McFadden School, Normandin Middle School, Parker School, and Roosevelt Middle School as polling places for the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 5:30 AM-8:00 PM, with a waiver of the rental fees.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock to receive and place on file the following requests for field/building usage that had been administratively approved:

- 1) Ross Moran/Asst. Dir. Recreation/City of N. B., for permission to use the gym, cafeteria and one classroom at Gomes School on Thursday, January 26, 2012 from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM for a "Family Food Night," with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees.
- 2) John Dressel/Teacher/Keith, for permission to use the gym at Keith Middle School on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, for a basketball tournament for Keith Middle School students, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to accept the following donations:

- 1) Seven iPad IIs with Sync Trays and Apple Care packages for NBPS teachers - Kathryn Duff & Neal Weiss from the New Bedford Education Foundation
- 2) Paula Manchester/Principal/Kempton - \$114.50 from Box Tops for Education and \$106.14 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund.
- 3) Dr. Sue Anne Marks/Director/Pupil Personnel Svcs. – 1,000 backpacks with various supplies and items from Feed the Children Organization to be disseminated to needy students.
- 4) Cynthia Trinidad/Principal/DeValles - \$310.00 from Box Tops for Education for the school fund.
- 5) Suzanne Madden/Principal/Hayden-McFadden – \$825.31 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund.
- 6) Kerri Quinlan-Zhou/Director/Fine Arts – 80 garment bags from Shawn Sullivan – Sullivan Brothers Tuxedo Shop to be used for All-City Middle School Marching Band uniforms.
- 7) Jamie Camacho/Principal/Gomes - \$700 from Target’s Field Trip Grant/Scholarship America - for the student activity account.
- 8) Derek Medeiros/Principal/Hathaway - \$352.27 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund.
- 9) Karen Treadup/Principal/Carney - \$700 from Target’s Field Trip Grant/Scholarship America - for the student activity account, \$880.28 from Life Touch Studios also for the student activity account and 23 computer tables from UMass Dartmouth for student use.
- 10) Tammy Morgan/Principal/Pulaski – *Kindergarten Leveled Readers Set Levels A-G* donated by www.donorschoose.org funded by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, Janine Daigle and an anonymous donor for student use.
- 11) Richard Desrosiers/Principal/Keith - \$262.54 from LifeTouch Studios for the school fund.
- 12) Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS - \$2,000 from Grammy Foundation and Best Buy Mobile to support the music students of NBHS and \$66.00 from Cartridges for Kids for the school fund.
- 13) Marcia Faucher/Principal/Pacheco – various winter garments from Marion Cook Lynch Mission and \$100 worth in Price Rite gift cards to be distributed to students. \$493.69 from LifeTouch Studios and \$225.60 from Box Tops for Education for the student activity fund.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock to approve the following transfer of funds:

February Transfers			
		Transfer From	Transfer To
Parker School		4001-2410-11-11500-5030	4001-2420-11-11500-8002
		Textbooks	Equipment
		\$1,186.20	\$1,186.20
Lincoln School		4001-2410-12-09500-5030	4001-4130-11-09500-6017
		SPED Textbooks	Utility Lincoln Telephone
		\$350.00	\$350.00
Whaling City		4001-2451-31-51500-8006	4001-4230-31-51500-4049
		Class Inst. Tech. WC	Maint. Equip. WC
		\$500.00	\$500.00

Devalles School	4001-2415-11-05000-5031	4001-2210-11-05084-5028
	Library Workbooks	Principal Office Supply
	\$200.00	\$200.00

January Transfers

	Transfer From	Transfer to
Roosevelt	4001-2451-21-41500-8006	4001-2455-21-41500-5027
	Computers, Scanners etc.	Inst. Software Computer Sup
	\$250.00	\$250.00
Kerri Quinlan Zhou	4001-2440-00-00034-6008	4001-3520-00-00034-4045
	Oth Inst Sev Music Other	Trans. Music
	\$6,487.42	\$6,487.42
Kerri Quinlan Zhou	4001-2410-00-00009-5030	4001-2430-11-10009-5026
	Textbooks Art	Classroom Supplies Art Elementary
	\$56.55	\$56.55
Kerri Quinlan Zhou	4001-3520-21-40034-5004	4001-2430-21-40034-5026
	Oth Stud Act Middle Mus Band	Music Middle Classroom Supplies
	\$15.00	\$15.00
Kerri Quinlan Zhou	4001-2440-00-00009-6008	4001-2430-31-50509-5026
	Art Other Exp.	HS Art Classroom Sup
	\$800.00	\$800.00
Kerri Quinlan Zhou	4001-2455-00-00009-5027	4001-2430-31-50509-5026
	Instructional Computer Sup Art	HS Art Classroom Sup
	\$780.00	\$780.00

December Transfers

	Transfer From	Transfer to
Roosevelt Middle School	4001-2430-21-5026-41528	4001-2357-21-4007-41500
	Classrm Sup Indust Arts	Professional Development
	\$3,404.00	\$3,404.00
Roosevelt Middle School	4001-2410-21-5030-41500	4001-2357-21-4007-41500
	Textbooks	Professional Development
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Roosevelt Middle School	4001-2451-21-8006-41500	4001-2357-21-4007-41500
	Computers/Scanners/etc	Professional Development
	\$500.00	\$500.00
Whaling City	4001-2430-31-5026-51500	4001-4230-31-4049-51500
	Classrm Supply WC	Maint Equip WC

		\$405.00		\$405.00
Robert Tetreault		4001-4450-00-4049-00000		4001-4400-00-4006-00000
Tech Services		Tech Maintenance		Comp Climate Control
		\$1,197.45		\$1,197.45
Heather Larkin		4001-9300-32-6008-50004		4001-3200-02-4032-00000
Student Services		Tuition Sped Private HS		Phys Appraisal
		\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
Heather Larkin		4001-9400-32-6008-50006		4001-3200-02-4032-00000
Student Services		Tuition Sped Collab HS		Phys Appraisal
		\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00
NBHS		4001-2415-31-8002-50500		4001-2455-31-5027-50500
		Sch Equipment Library HS		Inst Software HS
		\$799.04		\$799.04

November Transfers				
		Transfer From		Transfer to
Whaling City		4001-2430-31-515-00-5026		4001-4230-31-515-00-4049
		Classrm Suppy		Maintenance Equipment
		\$437.50		\$437.50
Trinity Day		4001-3600-31-510-00-4033		4001-4230-31-510-00-4049
		Trinity Police Detail		Maintenance Equipment
		\$395.00		\$395.00
Whaling City		4001-2410-31-515-00-5030		4001-2451-31-515-00-8006
		Textbooks		Computer Equipment
		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Keith Middle School		4001-2430-21-5026-40512		4001-2420-21-8002-40500
		Home Ec Classrm Supp		School Equipment
		\$2,410.00		\$2,410.00

Motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:

- Ron Littlewood/Outdoor Club Advisor/Normandin, to take 40 students and five chaperones on a field trip to Gunstock Ski Resort in Gilford, NH on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 1:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M., with all expenses paid by the Outdoor Club.

Motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve a request to declare a recommended list of surplus property located at Normandin Middle School, Pacheco School and Nurses' Office at Keith Middle School, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R.

Mrs. Deborah Brown, Business Manager, updated the Committee on specific line items that are underfunded (Psych. Services) and maintenance issues that require immediate attention. A review from MASBO is also scheduled to take place this spring.

Motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the Financial Report.

The Girls Scouts announced an important community event taking place on March 25, 2012 at GNB Voc-Tech High School. A request was made to have flyers distributed district-wide and to have the NBHS Band and Carney Cheerleaders perform at the event.

Ms. Cheryl Costa, HR Manager, updated the Committee on several retirements taking place this year. Dr. Francis stated that due to Mr. Kyle Riley's resignation, a shift in administration took place. Dr. Anthony Azar was also hired as the Curriculum Administrator.

Motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report.

Superintendent Francis gave her report. She indicated that NBPS will be applying for the Federal School Improvement Grant for Hayden-McFadden. The RFP will be released in March. A Transformation Model (chosen for Parker Elementary) would necessitate the hiring of a new Principal for SY 12-13. She also spoke of the recent visit by Commissioner Mitchell Chester and stated he was encouraged by the visits.

Mayor Mitchell indicated that the Commissioner stated that he saw improvements at Parker School but did not see signs of improvement at Hayden-McFadden. The Mayor said that the Commissioner also said that he was concerned with communication from the top of organization being passed down to the classroom level. Mayor Mitchell discussed retention rates and attendance rates and would like to see more of this data at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding curriculum and retention rates.

Atty. Clark requested that the Superintendent send a letter to the Commissioner inviting him to a meeting to ensure that NBPS is willing to cooperate with DESE.

Mr. Livramento asked what model had been chosen for Hayden-McFadden. Superintendent Francis indicated that one had not been selected. Ms. Pollock requested that the School Committee vote on this at the meeting scheduled on February 27, 2012.

A discussion ensued as to the writing of the Plan.

Motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the Superintendent's Report.

Motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to table item 4D "School Committee Reports" to the next meeting.

Student Representative gave his report.

Sister Mariana Sylvester presented on the Small Autonomous Schools by the Small Autonomous Schools Working Group. Sister recommended the approval of the "Small Autonomous Schools Guidelines" for the implementation of Innovation Schools in New Bedford.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to accept and adopt the Guidelines for the Small Autonomous Schools. Superintendent Francis will construct the Request for Proposals/Prospectus.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to table for a second reading the New Bedford Public Schools Policy JJIF – Athletic Concussion Policy.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to table for a second reading the New Bedford Public Schools Policy BDDH (also KD) – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to table for a second reading the New Bedford Public Schools Policy GBR – Policy to Address Workplace Bullying.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to table for a second reading the New Bedford Public Schools Policy GCD – Professional Staff Hiring Policy.

Ms. Pollock announced the School Committee Subcommittee assignments for 2012.

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

- Union Negotiations Update

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes

Ms. Pollock – Yes

Mr. Nobrega – Yes

Mr. Livramento - Yes

Dr. Fletcher – Yes

Atty. Clark – Yes

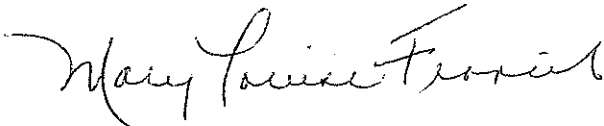
Dr. Finnerty - Yes

7 – Yeas

0 – Nays

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

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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