

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.

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

- January 9, 2012 – Regular Meeting
- December 7, 2011 – Curriculum Subcommittee

Mayor Mitchell requested that the School Committee weigh in on Transfer of Funds from now on. Going forward, the Finance subcommittee should be reviewing any requests prior to the School Committee voting on them. In addition, Mayor Mitchell requested that financial materials be sent to him one week before the School Committee meetings take place.

Motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve the requested transfer of funds.

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

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

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

Simone Bourgeois, Sea Lab Facilitator, requested that the School Committee approve the Sea Lab Summer Program to run from July 9 – August 17, 2012 and to approve a slight increase to the tuition (\$20).

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

- 1) Councillor Steven Martins/on behalf of Fernandes Masonry, for permission to use the soccer fields at Roosevelt Middle School on the following Sundays, April 1, 22, 29, May 20, June 10, 17 and 24, 2012 from 8:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. for the Fernandes and Friends Soccer Team use with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (Rental fees: \$210; Custodial fees:\$630; Total: \$840)
- 2) David Vieira/NB Youth Soccer Association, for permission use the NBHS Auditorium on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 from 6:30 P.M.-10:00 P.M. for a parent orientation night and for permission to use the NBHS Green House cafeteria on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 3:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. for the annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser, with a waiver of all fees. (Rental fees: \$310 Custodial fees: \$285 Total: \$595)
- 3) Bruce Duarte, Jr./New Bedford Idol, for permission to use Keith Middle School auditorium on Saturday, March 17 and Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. and Saturday, April 14, 21, 28, 2012 from 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. as well as the cafetorium at Normandin Middle School on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. and Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M., for the annual singing competition, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (Rental fees: \$1490 Custodial fees: \$960 Total: \$2,450)
- 4) Jennifer Baker/Campbell School PTO, for permission to use the Campbell School cafeteria on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. for a Books for Bingo night and the cafeteria and kitchen on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event for all Campbell

School children, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees for both days. (Rental fees: \$60 Custodial fees: \$210 = Total: \$270)

- 5) Mark Fuller/Miss N.B. Scholarship Pageant, for permission to sell refreshments and use the auditorium, music room, box office, stage craft, community room, lighting and sound booth and bookstore at Keith Middle School on Friday, September 21, 2012 from 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M., Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. and Sunday, September 23, 2012 from 11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M for their annual competition, with a waiver of the rental fees. (Rental fees: \$942)
- 6) Bunny Conceicao/NB Bears Pop Warner Association, for permission to use the Keith Middle School auditorium on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., for their annual Awards Banquet, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (Rental fees: \$250 Custodial fees: \$90 Total: \$340)

Motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve the Sea Lab Summer Program schedule and increase in tuition amounts.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to remove from the table items 5D, 5E, 5F and 5G.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policy JJIF – Athletic Concussion Policy.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to table the New Bedford Public Schools Policy BDDH (also KD) – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings.

Motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policy GBR – Policy to Address Workplace Bullying.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policy GCD – Professional Staff Hiring.

Motion by Atty. Clark and seconded Mr. Livramento, to receive and place on file the following requests for out-of-state field trips (approved administratively):

- 1) Neil Macedo/NBHS Varsity Volleyball Coach, for permission to take 12 students and three chaperones on a field trip to Orlando, FL from August 29, 30, 31 and September 1, 2012, to compete in the varsity volleyball tournament, with all expenses paid by the Booster Club.
- 2) Julie Miller, Tonya Vitorino, Kerriane Comee, Sarah Gussis, Rosa Olivier/Teachers at Gomes School, for permission to take 120 students and 24 chaperones to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI on Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 8:45 A.M.-1:45 P.M., with all expenses paid by the Target Field Trip Grant and PTO.
- 3) Susan Brown/NBHS Teacher for the Deaf, for permission to take four students and two chaperones to Washington, DC from April 12-17, 2012, to compete in the Gallaudet Deaf Academic Bowl, with most expenses paid for Gallaudet University and remaining paid for by Project Results.
- 4) Diane Robinson/NBHS Teacher, for permission to take 24 students and three chaperones to the Museum of Natural History in Providence, RI on Friday, March 23, 2012 from 7:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.
- 5) Tracey Rezendes/NBHS Talent Search, for permission to take six students and one chaperone to Brown University in Providence, RI on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 8:00 A.M.-1:50 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.
- 6) Tracey Rezendes/NBHS Talent Search, for permission to take six students and one chaperone to Roger Williams University and Salve Regina University in Rhode Island on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 9:15 A.M.-3:15 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.

- 7) Tracey Rezendes/NBHS Talent Search, for permission to take eleven students and two chaperones to Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island on Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 7:45 A.M.-2:00 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.
- 8) Kristen Aber/NBHS Teacher, for permission to take 41 students and four chaperones to the Bodies Exhibit in New York City, NY on Friday, March 23, 2012 from 5:30 A.M.-11:30 P.M., at no cost to the local budget.

Motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the following requests that were approved administratively for field/building usage:

- 1) Ashley Oliveira/Parker Street Neighborhood Association, for permission to use the auditorium at Parker School on Monday, February 27, 2012 from 6:30 PM -7:30 PM for a neighborhood association meeting, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees.
- 2) Lee-Ann Jupin/Lincoln School PTO, for permission to use the cafeteria/gymnasium at Lincoln School on Thursday, March 8, 2012 from 5:30 PM-8:45 PM, for a Family Book Fair Night, with a waiver of the rental fees.
- 3) Robert Horta/Asst. Supt. – Bristol County Sherriff's Office, for permission to use the auditorium and cafeteria at Keith Middle School on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., for a swearing-in ceremony, with a waiver of all fees.
- 4) Jennifer Baker/Campbell School PTO, for permission to use the cafeteria and kitchen on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 5:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M., for a spaghetti supper fundraiser, with a waiver of all fees.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to accept the following donations:

- 1) Dr. Jeanne Bonneau/Principal/Normandin – several musical instruments from the Congregational Church in South Dartmouth for the music department.
- 2) Darcy Fernandes/Principal/Roosevelt – Six (6) Samsung DVD players from DonorsChoose.org in care of Townsend Press.

Superintendent Francis informed the Committee that the District Turnaround Plan is due April 2, 2012. There is a feedback session planned for April 11, 2012 with DESE. The Plan's Strategic Objectives and Initiatives have been approved by DESE. However, work remains on the Action Steps and Benchmarks. She indicated that consultants from the District Management Council (DMC) have been present in the District. The .5 FTE Plan Manager continues to be involved in the development of the Plan.

Mr. Kulak, Headmaster, discussed freshman failures and retention rates at New Bedford High School. The ninth grade retention rate for 2010-2011 is currently at 25% - an increase from 2009-2010. Many resources are already in place to help these ninth grade students. School Committee members were concerned with the percentages and discussed how the District can improve this.

Learning Walks are underway and evidence and feedback were provided.

Ms. Daly, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Galileo Data to the Committee. She announced that our goal for this school year would be to achieve an average of 75% correct. Mayor Mitchell and Dr. Finnerty would like to see the goal set higher.

Dr. Larkin presented data on student attendance. She also displayed a map of the City to show geographically where the attendance seemed to be the worst. She is working with the Housing Authority and the Transportation Subcommittee to help with these residential issues and those students who live within a two-mile radius.

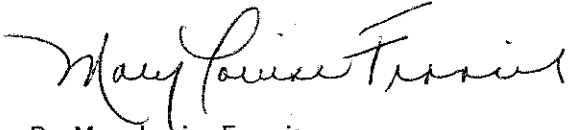
Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Atty. Clark, to receive and place on file the Superintendent's Report.

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

Motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to receive and place on file the written motions received by the City Council.

At 10:55 P.M., on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Louise Francis".

Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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