

**PUBLIC HEARING of the FY13 BUDGET & SCHOOL CHOICE and
REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, MS. POLLOCK, MR. LIVRAMENTO, DR. FLETCHER, ATTY. CLARK, DR. FINNERTY

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

ABSENT: MR. NOBREGA

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

Mrs. Brown, Business Manager, went over the goals and budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2013.

A Power Point presentation highlighting the budget line items was given. Mrs. Brown went over the FY 2013 proposed budget and explained the difference in expenditures from the previous fiscal year.

The proposed budget is as follows:

Total General Expenses:	\$22,724,966
Total Salaries & Wages:	\$84,494,120
Total Budget:	\$107,219,086

The FY 2013 proposed budget is \$2,261,547 more than FY 2012.

At the end of presentation, several Committee members asked questions regarding the budget.

Public Comment followed:

1. Lou St. John – asked about the \$5.2 million that Global Learning Charter Public Schools took from NBPS, funding for the Alma del Mar School and funding for students who withdraw after October 1st.

Motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, not to participate in School Choice for School Year 2012-2013.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 -Absent

On a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to table the FY13 budget and adjourn the Public Hearing session.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Livramento to take up items in section 3 altogether and approve the following minutes:

- April 9, 2012 – Regular Meeting
- April 3, 2012 – Special Meeting
- March 26, 2012 – Special Meeting
- March 12, 2012 – Finance Subcommittee Meeting
- February 27, 2012 – Special Meeting
- February 13, 2012 – Finance Subcommittee Meeting & Regular Meeting
- February 6, 2012 – Special Meeting
- February 2, 2012 – Facilities Subcommittee Meeting
- January 25, 2012 – Policy Subcommittee Meeting
- January 9, 2012 – Finance Subcommittee Meeting
- November 14, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Committee members presented Justin Braga, student representative, with a plaque for his two years of service to the New Bedford School Committee. The new student representative, Adam Vieira, and the alternate, Emma Finnerty, were introduced.

At 7:45 P.M., a motion was made by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- Approval of Executive Session Minutes – April 3, 9 and May 9, 2012
- Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 -Absent

At 8:07 P.M., the regular meeting session continued.

Mayor Mitchell announced that Michael Shea will act as the interim superintendent until a permanent individual is hired. Mr. Shea will be compensated at a rate of \$13,000 per month. He also indicated that a special meeting will be scheduled to discuss Mr. Shea's responsibilities and to gather his input on the FY13 budget.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to schedule the special meeting for May 31, 2012 at 6:00 P.M..

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Atty. Clark, to receive and place on file the Schedule of Bills from March and April 2012. (Supporting Document labeled "5A")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to approve the transfer of funds. (Supporting Document labeled "5A")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock to approve the Business Manager's request to balance out accounts. (Supporting Document labeled "5A")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report. (Supporting Document labeled "5A")

Marissa Perez-Dormitzer announced that the Swift School is the Recycling winner for the month of May. (Supporting Document labeled "5A")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to receive and place on file the SPED MCAS data. (Supporting Document labeled "6B")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark, to take up and approve the items in section 6C altogether:

- 1) Valerie Alves/Key Club Advisor, for permission to use the Walsh Field on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 8:00 AM-1:00 PM for the New Bedford High School Elementary Play 60 Field Day, with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting Document labeled "6C1")
- 2) Lee Ann Jupin/Lincoln School PTO President, for permission to use the cafeteria/gymnasium at Lincoln School on Thursday, May 31, 2012 from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM for the annual Ice Cream Social, with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting Document labeled "6C2")
- 3) Angela Amaral/Day of Portugal Committee President, for permission to borrow the Bucket Truck, two Snapper Golf Carts and twelve 2-way radios in conjunction with their annual Day of Portugal Festival. Items are needed June 4th through June 11, 2012 in preparation for and during the festival. (Supporting Document labeled "6C3")
- 4) Tina Babalas/EDCO Collaborative – Massachusetts Migrant Education Program, for permission to use a few classrooms at the Gomes School for five weeks in July and August 2012, for migrant students to participate in out-of-school programs, at no cost to the local budget. (Supporting Document labeled "6C4")
- 5) Michael Cassidy/Zumba Fitness, for permission to use the cafeteria at Normandin Middle School on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM for a Zumbathon with all profits benefiting the Gwendolyn Strong Foundation (SMA), with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting Document labeled "6C5")
- 6) Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS, to schedule the New Bedford High School 2012 Graduation Exercises on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the Paul Walsh Athletic Field at 7:00 PM. (Supporting Document labeled "6C6")
- 7) Councillor Steven Martins – on behalf of the Day of Portugal Committee, for permission to use the Andrea McCoy Field on Saturday, May 26, 2012 from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM for their annual soccer tournament, with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting Document labeled "6C7")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to approve the amended New Bedford Public Schools Policy BDDH (also KD) – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings. (Supporting Document labeled "6D")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Livramento to take up and approve items in section 6E altogether:

- 1) LTC Kevin McGovern/NBHS JROTC Instructor, for permission to take four students and one chaperone on a field trip to the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia from Friday, June 22, 2012 through Tuesday, June 26, 2012, to participate in the U.S. Army Junior ROTC Leadership Academic Bowl and the National Level Competition, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E1")
- 2) Trudy Fatula/ Pacheco School Teachers, for permission to take 128 students and 12 chaperones to the IMAX Theatre in Providence, Rhode Island on Thursday, June 14, 2012 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E2")
- 3) Andrew Kulak/NBHS Headmaster – for permission to send 20 students to the Undersea Collaboration & Technology Outreach Center in Middletown, Rhode Island in July 2012 for students to develop real world applications of the STEM curriculum, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E3")
- 4) Marcia Anselmo & Ray Letendre/Acting Principals -Taylor School, for permission to allow their Grade 4 classes of 44 students and seven chaperones to attend a trip to the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 7:45 AM-4:00 PM. Also, Grade 1 & 2 classes, 82 students and 20 adults, to attend a trip to Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island on Monday, June 11, 2012 from 8:45 AM-2:10 PM. Both trips are at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E4")

- 5) Kristen Aber & Pat Gifford/NBHS Teachers, for permission to take 35 students and three chaperones to the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut on Friday, May 18, 2012 from 7:40 AM-2:00 PM, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E5")
- 6) Kerri Rodrigues & Heidi Faria/Hayden-McFadden Teachers, for permission to take 93 students and 10 chaperones to the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 from 8:30 AM-1:30 PM, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E6")
- 7) Debra St. Pierre/Swift Teacher, for permission to take 74 students and 12 chaperones to the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, Rhode Island on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 8:15 AM-2:00 PM, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E7")
- 8) Diane Robinson/NBHS Teacher, for permission to take 42 students and 4 chaperones to McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord, New Hampshire on Friday, June 1, 2012 from 6:00 AM-8:00 PM, at no cost to NBPS. (Supporting Document labeled "6E8")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take up and approve items in section 6F altogether:

- 1) Councillor Denis Lawrence, Jr. – on behalf of Mrs. Carole Ann Lawrence, to donate a tree to the Betsey B. Winslow School. (Supporting Document labeled "6F1")
- 2) Suzanne Madden/Principal/Hayden-McFadden-- \$73.50 from Box Tops for Education for the school fund. (Supporting Document labeled "6F2")
- 3) Kerri Quinlan-Zhou/Fine Arts Director - nine storage bins from Walmart and steel garbage cans from Ryanick Contracting to be used for the All-City Middle School Marching Band program. (Supporting Document labeled "6F3")
- 4) Andrew Kulak/NBHS Headmaster – "Clip car" from Stephen Fitzgerald of Universal Technical Institute to be used in the Power Technology Lab/Engineering Academy. (Supporting Document labeled "6F4")
- 5) Jamie Camacho/Principal/Gomes – a flowering tree to be planted in the garden at Gomes School from Reverend Lima & the Clergy in memory of Ronda Duarte. (Supporting Document labeled "6F5")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Atty. Clark, to accept the transfer from the City of New Bedford of the Keith Middle School, McCoy Athletic Complex and the Joaquim "Jack" Nobrega Athletic Building (field house). (Supporting Document labeled "6G")

The School Choice vote was taken earlier in the meeting during the Public Hearing session.

Mayor Mitchell announced that the NBEA & Paraprofessionals Level 4 Contracts had been signed and were available to the public. (Supporting Document labeled "6I")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark, to approve in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at the Winslow, Hayden-McFadden, Pacheco and Swift Schools and the Adult Ed. Program. (Supporting Document labeled "6J")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file a notification from NBHS Headmaster, Andrew Kulak, that Adam Vieira (Class of 2014) has been elected to serve as Student Representative to the School Committee with Emma Finnerty (Class of 2014) serving as alternate, effective June 11, 2012. (Supporting Document labeled "6K")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve the school calendar for 2012-2013. (Supporting Document labeled "6L")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file (with no action taken) the communications from the City Council. (Supporting Documents labeled "8A-D")

At 8:40 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the regular meeting.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather D. Larkin", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Heather D. Larkin
Acting Superintendent,
Acting Secretary/School Committee

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