

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

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, DR. FINNERTY, MR. AMARAL, MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. NOBREGA,
MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. POLLOCK

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, MR. DEFALCO, DR. RABINOVITCH, MS. EMSLEY, MRS. DUNAWAY (Recording Secretary)

Student Representative was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to accept and approve the following School Committee meeting minutes: (Supporting documents labeled "3")

- Sub Committee on Policy – October 27, 2014

A. Business Office Report: (Dr. Rabinovitch)

- ☐ Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA): Architect Presentations

Representative from Daedalus (Project Manager), Peter Marks, Architect Peter Turowski from Turowski2 Architecture, Inc. and Kerry Kennedy, Principal of Hannigan Elementary School, addressed the Committee. They stated that the feasibility study and preliminary design for a new John Hannigan School has been submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The new Hannigan will include grades K-5, three track school. They are looking at the current Hannigan site along with property at the former St. Anne's church property and will be working with MSBA Board of Directors on an appropriate choice. They explained that the parcel had to be between two and three acres with the final cost estimated to be between \$43 - \$45M. Construction is expected to begin in June of 2016 with a September, 2017 opening.

Architects followed with a PowerPoint presentation. A summary follows:

- Project Team includes:
 - MSBA
 - City of New Bedford
 - Owner's Project Manager (OPM): Daedalus Project, Inc.
 - Architect: Turowski2 Architecture, Inc.
- Timeline:
 1. Feasibility Study Commenced in October 2015
 2. Feasibility Study Phase 1 was completed on December 1, 2015 and is currently under the MSBA's review. Three preliminary options were presented for further study in Phase 2
 3. Feasibility Study Phase 2 will be submitted to the MSBA March 2015. Three preliminary options will be further explored concluding in a final recommended option. In April 2015 the MSBA Board of Directors will vote on the advancement of the selected option into Schematic Design.
 4. Schematic Design will be submitted to the MSBA in June 2015.
 5. MSBA Board of Directors Approval in August 2015.

- Issues with current building include:

Lack of heat and use has accelerated decay of structure:

- Water affecting plaster and floor in limited areas
- 2nd floor ceilings require closer inspection
- Ceiling in gymnasium requires replacement
- Exposed lintels over windows causing brick and stone veneer damage

Routine repair and renovation:

- No vertical access at grade
- Handicap interior access is fair. Door hardware required
- Windows and exterior doors require replacement
- Lack of toilet facilities on each floor
- Wood and glazed brick finishes are in good condition in all corridors and stairs
- Terrazzo floor is in fair condition in all corridors and stairs

SEVEN (7) OPTIONS WERE NARROWED TO THREE (3) BY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

OPTION 1: New Building: Hannigan School Site including adjacent street

PRELIMINARY COST ANALYSIS:

MSBA

Share: \$30,000,000

City

Share: \$13,000,000

TOTAL: \$43,000,000

- Fully meets the education program
- 67 SF outdoor area/students
- 39 parking spaces
- Site is out of district

OPTION 1A: New Building: Hannigan School Site including adjacent street and sites

PRELIMINARY COST ANALYSIS:

MSBA

Share: \$30,000,000

City

Share: \$14,000,000

TOTAL: \$44,000,000

- Fully meets the Education Program
- 99 SF outdoor area/students
- 40 parking spaces
- Site is out of district

OPTION 2: New Building: St. Anne's Church Site including adjacent sites

PRELIMINARY COST ANALYSIS:

MSBA

Share: \$29,000,000

City

Share: \$16,000,000

TOTAL: \$45,000,000

- Fully meets the education program
- 47 SF Outdoor area/students
- 26 parking spaces
- site in district

PROJECT SCHEDULE

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| 1. Feasibility Study Submission: | March 2015 |
| 2. Schematic Design Submission: | June 2015 |
| 3. Design Development Submission: | December 2015 |
| 4. Construction Documents Submission: | May 2016 |
| 5. General Bidding: | June 2016 |
| 6. Construction: | June 2016 – August 2017 |
| Projected School Opening: | September 2017 |

Dr. Rabinovitch summarized the Business Office Report:

- Expenses are on target
- General expense- most money has been spent at this point. This is typical due to the ordering of supplies.
- Waiver of rental fees was reviewed as well as the transfer of funds and revolving accounts

Mr. Amaral asked about how the free lunch to all students was going. Dr. Rabinovitch responded that he will have a report at the next meeting.

Dr. Rabinovitch gave an update on the security alarm at the high school regarding the design, meetings timeline and stated that the bids for the installation would be going out shortly.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to accept the Business Office Report.

B. Superintendent's Report

- Introductions:
 - Jabian Gutierrez – Chief Operations Officer - NBHS
 - Michael Purdy – Technology Manager - NBHS
- Security Update: New Bedford High School
 - Jeffrey Longo, Assistant Principal and Jabian Gutierrez, Chief Operations Officer, representing a security committee at the high school, spoke on the safety and security protocols; emergencies and lockdowns. This committee prioritized the following areas: Update protocol for visitors to NBHS, update/review fire alarm and emergency protocols, update/review lockdown procedures and update/review the crisis response and management plan
- Student Information Management System (SIMS) Report
 - Dr. Durkin stated that as of October 1, 2014 there were 12565 students enrolled district-wide.
 - Dr. Durkin also noted that since July, 2013, we increased the identification of approximately 700 ELL students and as of this date, we have identified an additional 700 students bringing the total ELL population to 2100. Ms. Sonia Walmsley, ELL Manager, explained that if students are exposed to another language, they are given a test which serves to identify a student in need of ELL services.
 - Ms. Walmsley also reported that approximately 500 students have been identified as homeless.
- New Student Discipline Rules: Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012 – 603 CMR 53:00
 - Dr. Paula Bailey, principal of Winslow School and Mr. Stephen Farrell, principal of Normandin Middle School explained the important elements of the new law regarding student discipline. Law effectively ends “zero tolerance”.

- Before the new law (H222 or 37H ¾) there was: zero tolerance, suspension was the consequence, preventing access to curriculum, some attempts to reach parent/guardian, suspended/expelled student enrolling in a new district did NOT have to be admitted.
- Now the new law provides for: administrator discretion with parent involvement, students have access to curriculum and can make up work, tests, receive tutoring, etc., school staff must make two + attempts to reach parent/guardian and have them actively involved in the due process, suspended/expelled student enrolling in a new district must be provided a pathway to an education.
- Dr. Bailey and Mr. Farrell affirmed that there are no changes to 37 H or 37H ½ which involves students found with a weapon, controlled substance or alcohol, or assaulting staff on school grounds; students charged with or convicted of a felony.

To a question by Mr. Oliveira about a potential cost related to the new law, Mr. DeFalco explained that there is an added cost for pathways that include tutoring, APEX Learning or a transfer to an alternative setting such as Whaling City Jr/Sr High School. No added funding is available to the district under the new law.

Dr. Durkin stated that it will not change our ability or the way things are done in NBPS. It will however, build more communication with parents and families.

Personnel Report (Ms. Emsley): (Supporting documents labeled "4C")

Ms. Emsley reviewed the personnel report with the Committee. She stated that there are several positions that needed to be filled at the high school in the ELL and Special Education areas.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to accept the Personnel Report.

Several School Committee Members gave reports.

Public Comment:

- Deidre Ramos – Concern for Special Education services for her child.
- Kathleen Bruno – Concern for lack of staff to deliver Special Education services.
- Eddie Johnson – Concern for Special Education services.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to approve the Superintendent's Goals as presented with an added component to the professional practice goal that reflects a positive and safe school environment. (Supporting document "6A")

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Amaral and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to appoint Kimberli Bettencourt as the Interim Executive Director of Special Education and Support Services.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve the New Bedford Public Schools Policies KG and KG-R – *Community Use of School Facilities* (To be Amended) (From the Policy and Facilities Sub Committees) (Supporting document "6C")

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to establish a Facilities Revolving Account through Ch. 71, Sec. 71E. (From the Finance Sub Committee) (Supporting document "6D")

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to approve a request from MSG (R) Raymond Como/JROTC Instructor/NBHS, for permission to take 22 students and two chaperones to the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, RI, on January 9, 2015, to see the Providence Bruins with no cost to the district. (Supporting document "6E")

At 8:30 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session, without returning to Open Session, for the following purposes:

- Items related to security issues

- Strategies in preparation for negotiations with union personnel
- Strategies in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes

Ms. Pollock – Yes

Mr. Nobrega – Yes

Mr. Oliveira - Yes

Mr. Amaral – Yes

Mr. Livramento - Yes

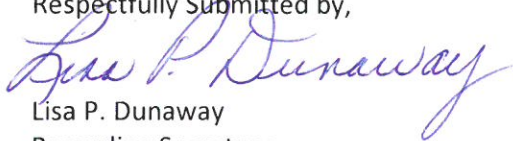
Dr. Finnerty – Yes

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0 – Nays

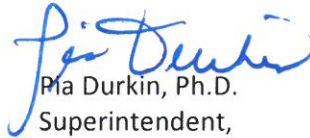
0 – Absent

Respectfully Submitted by,



Lisa P. Dunaway
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Pia Durkin, Ph.D.
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee