

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

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

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, DR. LARKIN, MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MR. MURPHY
MRS. DUNAWAY

Adam Vieira, Student Representative, was present.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to receive and place on file the following minutes:

- Budget Working Session/Public Hearing/Special Meeting: May 30, 2013
- Regular Meeting: July 15, 2013

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to amend the following as set forth by Mayor Mitchell and to receive and place on file.

- Special Meeting Budget: June 25, 2013 amended as follows: *That the New Bedford School Committee's Sub Committee on Finance assumes the additional responsibility of meeting no less than quarterly with three members of the New Bedford City Council, as selected by its President, for the purpose of monitoring and reviewing the spending of the New Bedford Public School System. The Superintendent and Business Manager of the New Bedford Public School System shall also attend these meetings. The times and dates of such meeting shall be set by mutual agreement. Add: It is the School Committee's intention that the Ad Hoc Committee will not have any binding legal authority on the School Committee or City.*

Supporting documents #3

Superintendent's Report....

Dr. Durkin introduced principals, new to the district or to new positions, to the School Committee:

- Roberto Soto – Hathaway School
- Debra Letendre – Parker School (from Swift)
- Anthony DiFonso – Swift School
- Andrea Curtis – Rodman School
- Jannell Pearson – DeValles School
- Jennifer Clune – Renaissance
- Margaret Mongiello – Roosevelt Middle School
- Ellyn Gallant – Gomes School (previously, Asst. Principal)

Lina DeJesus – Lincoln School and Lisa Yates – Pacheco School were unable to be in attendance and will appear at the September 16 meeting.

Members of the Committee voiced their congratulations and best wishes to the new administrators.

Dr. Durkin went on to report the following:

- DESE will report on the quarterly progress report at the September meeting – positive feedback so far
- 1100 children are registered for Kindergarten to date; expect another 100 to register
- Extended hours to continue in August for registering students for all grades at the Administration Building
- Working diligently to make sure all schools are clean and up and running

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to receive and place on file the Superintendent's report.

Mr. Murphy presented the Business Office report which concentrated on current and future requirements for strong management level reporting as well as improved understanding of how and what types of fiscal decisions should be brought to the School Committee's attention. Mr. Murphy outlined three phases including Snap Shot reporting, Trend reporting and Multi-year budget projections along with reporting other funds, better communication between finance offices – city and schools, and policy procedures and updates reflecting these procedures.

To a question asked by Dr. Finnerty, Mr. Murphy responded that grants have decreased rather than increased for this fiscal year.

Dr. Durkin responded to a question by Dr. Finnerty explaining that controls have been put in place for overtime costs such as pre-approval procedures and letters being sent to staff who received overtime on a normal basis explaining that these procedures were now in effect. Management procedures have also been put in place regarding Paraprofessional overtime as well.

Ms. Pollock inquired as to personnel who get paid by grants and if there is a list available.

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the Business Office report.

Supporting document 4B

Voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report as submitted.

Supporting document 4C

Several Committee members gave reports.

Student Representative gave his report.

No one signed up to speak under "Public Comment".

Mr. Will Gardner, principal of the Alma del Mar Charter School addressed the Committee regarding a request before them to transfer the former Ottiwell School property to the City Council for possible sale. He responded to several questions by the Committee that if the property is no longer used for educational purposes, the property would revert back to the School Committee, the City Planner must approve any construction changes and funding to purchase and renovate is privately raised from individuals, foundations and bonding.

Voted, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, the Committee, Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws C. 40, § 15A, the New Bedford School Committee voted on the following as written:

1. to notify the New Bedford City Council that the property located at 26 Madeira Avenue, New Bedford, Massachusetts and shown as Lot 6 on Assessor's Map 104 and known as the Ottiwell School (the Property") is no longer needed by the School Committee for the educational purposes for which the Property was acquired, to wit, to serve as a district elementary school; and

2. to transfer the Property to the New Bedford City Council, for the purpose of sale to the Alma Del Mar Charter School, a body politic and corporate duly chartered by the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 71, § 89, to be used for educational purposes and specifically for the purpose of serving as the buildings and grounds of the Alma Del Mar Charter School; and
3. that this vote of the School Committee be and is hereby conditioned upon the New Bedford City Council, in fact, voting to transfer, by two-thirds vote for the purpose of sale as required by said Chapter 40, § 15A, the Property to Alma Del Mar Charter School to be used as the school's buildings and grounds as aforesaid; and
4. that this vote of the School Committee be and is hereby conditioned upon the New Bedford City Council, in fact, voting to sell, by simple majority vote as required by Chapter 40, § 3, the Property to Alma Del Mar Charter School to be used as the school's buildings and grounds as aforesaid; and
5. that this vote of the School Committee be and is hereby conditioned upon: (a) the New Bedford City Council voting to permit the City Planner to review and have final approval of, any construction plans for the Property, whether said plans are developed and to be implemented now or in the future; and (b) this condition being memorialized in any deed or purchase and sale agreement pertaining to the contemplated sale; and
6. that this vote of the School Committee be and is hereby conditioned upon any deed or purchase and sale agreement pertaining to the contemplated sale containing a provision that if the building is no longer used for educational purposes, it reverts back to the custody and control of the New Bedford School Committee; and
7. that failure of any of the conditions to this vote set forth in paragraphs three (3) through six (6) above prior to consummation of the contemplated sale by deed duly authorized and executed shall render this vote null and void upon the vote of the School Committee declaring that such failure of condition has occurred and that this vote be rendered null and void, whereupon the Property shall revert back to the custody and control of the New Bedford School Committee as though this vote had not been taken.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	
7 – Yeas	0 – Nays
	0 – Absent

Supporting document 6A.

At this time, Mayor Mitchell addressed the School Committee with a recommendation to retain Atty. Elizabeth Valerio from the Deutsch Williams law firm in Boston. Mayor Mitchell stated that attorney's were sought after and interviewed. Atty. Valerio was chosen due to her experience and is established around the state. She works with neighboring communities as well as Boston. She will be available full year and will weigh in on negotiations, agreements and other issues as needed.

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, the Committee voted to retain Deutsch and William law firm at \$215.00 per hour to represent the School Committee in labor and employment matters.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

At 7:20 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session without returning to Open Session, for the purpose of discussions in regard to the following:

- Collective Bargaining Sessions – Level III Grievance: New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.
- Collective Bargaining Strategies – Unit A - New Bedford Educators Association, Inc

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes

Ms. Pollock – Yes

Mr. Nobrega – Yes

Mr. Oliveira - Yes

Dr. Fletcher – Yes

Mr. Livramento - Yes

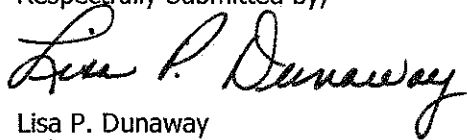
Dr. Finnerty – Yes

7 – Yeas

0 – Nays

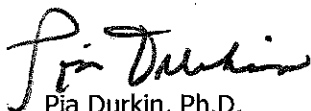
0 – Absent

Respectfully Submitted by,



Lisa P. Dunaway
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



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

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