

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, DR. FLETCHER, ATTY. CLARK, MS. POLLOCK, MR. NOBREGA,
DR. FINNERTY, MRS. USSACH

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, DR. SOUZA, D. WINN, H. LARKIN, L. DUNAWAY (Acting recording
secretary)

Filipe Andre, Student Representative, was in attendance.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock to receive and place on
file the minutes of the April 5, 2010 Budget Working Session.

April 5, 2010 (Budget Working Session)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on
file the Personnel Report.

Superintendent's Report was as follows:

Dr. Francis introduced Steven Mack and Chris Parker, teachers at New Bedford High School to share the
news that a team of students from New Bedford High School were the first place winners in the ROV
competition that took place at Massachusetts Maritime Academy on April 24, 2010. Eighteen teams from
15 schools (two teams from NBHS) worked on a number of underwater missions, technical reports,
engineering presentations and poster displays in relation to underwater robots. The winning team, with the
School Committee's support, will go on to compete internationally at the University of Hawaii from June 24-
26, 2010. School Committee members congratulated the students and teachers in attendance that took
part in the competition and wished them well at the international competition.

Dr. Francis continued with her report on school department related issues that included communications
and meetings regarding the Superintendent's transition. She also briefed the Committee on various
initiatives that will be continued and added in the near future.

In response to a question by Dr. Finnerty, Dr. Francis referred to the timetable for initiating strategies at
Parker School. A stakeholders meeting will be convened within 30 days of the school's official designation
as a Level 4 school, with the required number of members that cannot exceed 13. She asked that a School
Committee member be selected at the next meeting to be a designee.

Mayor Lang asked Dr. Francis who would be handling the work of the Assistant Superintendent of
Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Francis replied that she, along with help from the directors, would be
taking on the duties for the time being in order to be fiscally conservative but stated that it would be the
Committee's judgment call. Dr. Francis stated that she wants to strike a balance between the priority of
delivering direct services to students and having an infrastructure in place to help to the job well.

Ms. Pollock asked about the Anti Bullying policy. Dr. Souza responded that a policy will be ready to present
to the full Committee soon after it is reviewed by the Policy Sub-Committee and receives an opinion from
an attorney. The anti-bullying policy will consist of two parts: Workforce (staff/employee) and students.
Dr. Francis stated that this will be a priority in the district. Welcoming Schools initiative will be included.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Ussach, to receive and place on
file the Superintendent's report.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to authorize Paula Benedetti, Keith Middle School to accept a donation of quilting supplies from the Bayberry Guild Quilt Bank to use for the quilting after school program

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark, to take up the two field/building usage requests together.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark, to approve the following field/building usage requests:

1. Meghan Schafer/Outdoor Program Manager/Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass. to use a classroom at Carney Academy on May 18, 25, and June 1, 8, 2010 to hold a Girl Scout Sampler Program with a waiver of rental and custodial fees.
2. Mali Lim/No Place for Hate Coordinator/City of New Bedford/Dept. of Community Services, to use the Bronspiegel Auditorium and the Little Theater at NBHS on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 from 5:30 – 9:30 P.M., to hold a free event for all residents of New Bedford featuring the Tzofim Friendship Caravan and “Dance for Diversity: Stomping out Racism” groups with a waiver of rental and custodial fees. Request also includes permission to serve light refreshments in the Little Theater.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve a request from Raymond Letendre/Principal/Carney Academy for permission to allow four classes to visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, RI on May 13, 2010.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve a request from Marcia Faucher/Principal/Pacheco School for permission to allow ten fifth grade students and two chaperones to accept an invitation from Dr. & Mrs. Irwin Jacobs to fly in his private plane to Nantucket Island for a tour on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Atty. Clark, to go into Executive Session to discuss non-union personnel matters and non-union contract negotiations.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Lang	Yes	Atty. Clark	Yes
Dr. Finnerty	Yes	Ms. Pollock	Yes
Dr. Fletcher	Yes	Mrs. Ussach	Yes
Mr. Nobrega	Absent		

7 - Yeas

0 – Nays

1 - Absent

At 7:45 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,

Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent of Schools
Secretary, School Committee

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