

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

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, DR. FLETCHER, MS. POLLOCK, MR. NOBREGA, DR. FINNERTY  
ABSENT: ATTY. CLARK, MRS. USSACH  
IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, MRS. LARKIN, MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. COSTA, MRS. DUNAWAY  
(Recording secretary)

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

Public Comment was as follows:

1. Gillie Safioleas – Concern over lack of restroom facilities at McCoy Field.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take up all requests for approval of minutes together.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the minutes of the following meetings (Supporting document labeled "4"):

- May 10, 2010 – Executive Session
- June 14, 2010 – Executive Session
- June 28, 2010 – Executive Session
- July 12, 2010 – Executive Session
- July 19, 2010 – Executive Session
- August 9, 2010 – Executive Session
- October 14, 2010 – Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes
- October 18, 2010 – Finance Sub-Committee Minutes
- October 18, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Oliveira reviewed the Financial Statement from the Office of Finance and Operations.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to receive and place on file the Financial Statement from the Office of Finance & Operations. (Supporting document labeled "5A")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report. (Supporting document labeled "5B")

The Superintendent's Report included the following topics:

- Keith Middle School fire update
- NAEYC : Winslow School accreditation
- Mass. Coalition for Adult Education – Rosemary Wilde (Outstanding Administrator)
- Update on class sizes
- Race to the Top (RTTP) Grant submission
- Commendation Schools
- District Review
- Level 4 Parker School update
- Innovation Schools
- High School Graduation Initiative

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take item 6F out of order.

At this time, Ward Four Councillor Bruce Duarte, Jr. introduced Mr. Ken Pittman of radio station WBSM. Mr. Pittman and Councillor Duarte addressed the Committee to propose inviting Mr. Joe Clark, former principal of Eastside High School in New Jersey, to give a motivational presentation to students, staff and parents of New Bedford Public Schools.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve a request to invite Mr. Joe Clark to visit New Bedford with the understanding that Mr. Pittman and Councillor Duarte will raise funds to pay for Mr. Clark's visit. (Supporting document labeled "6F")

Several Committee members gave brief reports.

Dr. Finnerty reported back to the Committee on the issue of NBPS Booster Clubs' requests to use the NBPS print shop to print program/ad booklets. Dr. Finnerty and Mrs. Ussach found that the print shop has a back log of work and cannot handle the volume that Booster Clubs' requests would present as demonstrated in the past. Dr. Finnerty and Mrs. Ussach visited the Bristol County Print Shop to see if they could help with printing and reasonable pricing. Dr. Finnerty encouraged all clubs to find alternative arrangements.

Dr. Fletcher announced to the Committee that all resolutions proposed by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees were passed. Dr. Fletcher served as a delegate at the recent MASC/MASS conference.

After reviewing the latest class size figures, Mayor Lang proposed to Dr. Francis that she add one teacher at each of the following schools: Rodman, DeValles, Brooks and Campbell.

Justin Braga, Student Representative, gave the latest updates of New Bedford High School events.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take Item 6E out of order.

A discussion ensued relative to the Superintendent's Evaluation and the instrument to be used for this process. Several suggestions including the template that has been used previously and a more narrative rather than numerical models were discussed. Mayor Lang suggested that a work group be put together to investigate instruments used for Superintendent evaluations. Mr. Nobrega suggested that Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Finnerty look into this matter on behalf of the Committee. After agreeing to such for the Committee, Dr. Fletcher suggested that he invite former Dartmouth Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Kelly, to act as advisor. Dr. Finnerty and Dr. Fletcher agreed to come back to the Committee with a recommendation after meeting with Dr. Francis.

After a brief discussion on a timeline for the evaluation of the Superintendent the Committee voted on the following actions:

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to hold a Special School Committee Meeting relative to the instrument to be used for the Superintendent's Evaluation on Monday, November 22, 2010 at Keith Middle School at 7:00 P.M.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to adopt and distribute the instrument to be used for the Superintendent's Evaluation at the scheduled Regular School Committee Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2010 at Hayden McFadden School at 7:00 P.M.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to hold a Special School Committee meeting for the evaluation of the Superintendent on Monday, January 3, 2011 at Keith Middle School at 7:00 P.M.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to take up Addendum item 6A – 8.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to take up all requests for use of facilities together.

Request to use the soccer fields at Normandin Middle School came into question. Mr. Vieira, President of the New Bedford Youth Soccer Association, was not in attendance to respond to several inquiries.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to invite Mr. David Vieira, President of the New Bedford Youth Soccer Association, to the Special Meeting on November 22, 2010, to make inquiries to his requests for permission to use several school fields through November, 2011. Decision to approve requests will be made after speaking with Mr. Vieira. (Supporting document labeled "6A-1 & 2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve a request from Shari Dant/President, on behalf of the Campbell School PTO, for permission to use various rooms at Campbell School on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. to hold *Books for Bingo* for students and their families, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A-3")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to approve a request from Shari Dant/President, on behalf of the Campbell School PTO, for permission to use the cafeteria at Campbell School on Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. to hold their annual *Breakfast with Santa* event, with a waiver of the rental, custodial and cafeteria fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A –4")

Richard Carter, Director of Youth Services, on behalf of NorthStar Learning Centers, responded to questions by the Committee relative to his request to use the Bronsiegel Auditorium at New Bedford High School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to approve a request by Richard Carter/Director of Youth Services, on behalf of NorthStar Learning Centers, for permission to use the Bronsiegel Auditorium at New Bedford High School on Friday, December 17, 2010 from 12:00 – 10:00 P.M. to hold their annual *Achieving Respect Together* (A.R.T.) Hip Hop performance, with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A-5")

Fernando Santos responded to questions by the Committee relative to his request to use the soccer fields at Roosevelt Middle School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve a request by Fernando Santos, on behalf of the ABC Youth Soccer Team, for permission to use the gym at Roosevelt Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. from November, 2010 to April, 2011, with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A-6")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve a request by Fernando Santos, on behalf of the ABC Youth Soccer Team, for permission to use the soccer fields at Roosevelt Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. during Spring and Fall, 2011, with a waiver of all fees. (Supporting document labeled "6A-7")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve a request by Emilia Medeiros/President, on behalf of the Pulaski School PTA, for permission to use the cafeteria at Pulaski School on Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. to hold the annual *Breakfast with Santa* event, along with a vendor and craft fair, with a waiver of rental, custodial and cafeteria fees. (Supporting document labeled "Addendum 6A-8")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to take up all requests for donations together.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval to New Bedford Public schools to accept books throughout the district from the New Bedford Kiwanis Club in partnership with RIF, Int. (Supporting document labeled "6B-1")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval to Richard Desrosiers/Principal/Keith Middle School, to accept fur fabric swatches and bubble wrap from Custom Window Products, Inc. for the Consumer Family Science program. (Supporting document labeled "6B-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval to New Bedford Public Schools to accept books to be distributed to several elementary schools from the Polish Women's Business & Professional Club. (Supporting document labeled "6B-3")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval to Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/NBHS to accept \$637.02 from Target's "*Take Charge of Education*" program for the school fund. (Supporting document labeled "6B-4")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval to Tammy Morgan/Principal/Pulaski School to accept various school supplies from Office Max (Dartmouth). (Supporting document labeled "6B-5")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval to Dr. Jeanne Bonneau/Principal/Normandin Middle School to accept \$66.88 from Target's "*Take Charge of Education*" program for the school fund. (Supporting document labeled "6B-6")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval to Paula Bailey/Principal/Winslow School to accept weekly bus transportation from Tremblay Bus Co. to transport eight Keith Middle school students to Winslow School to tutor first and second graders under the Students Tutoring Academic Reading Skills (S.T.A.R.S) program from November through the end of the school year. (Supporting document labeled "6B-7")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval to Jackie Nelson-Eckhardt/Teacher/NBHS to accept 190 books (*Stones into Schools* and *Three Cups of Tea*) from author Greg Mortenson for the book room and classroom usage at NBHS. (Supporting document labeled "6B-8")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval to Rosemary Wilde/Director/Adult and Continuing Education to accept \$1000 from the Abraham H. Howland, Jr. Masonic Lodge to provide assistance to two Adult Education students and their families. (Supporting document labeled "6B-9")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant a request from Shawna Denn/Vice President, on behalf of the Rotaract Club/UMass Dartmouth, for permission to distribute flyers to middle school students announcing a sports clinic event on November 21, 2010. (Supporting document labeled "6C")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take up and grant approval for the following time-sensitive requests that were approved administratively:

- 1) Sue Lincoln/Asst. Marketing Director, on behalf of Citizens-Union Savings Bank, for permission to distribute flyers to students at Ashley, Lincoln, Swift and Campbell Schools announcing "*It's a Halloween Happening!*" event that took place on October 30, 2010. (Supporting document labeled "6C-Adm.-1")
- 2) Jim Stevens and Martha Kay, on behalf of Gifts to Give, for permission to distribute flyers to students in grades 3 – 5 at the A. J. Gomes School inviting their participation in the program *Expanding Literacy through Art-based Learning* starting in early November. (Supporting document labeled "6C-Adm.-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take up and grant approval for the following requests for out-of-state field trips:

- 1) Maurice Ouellette/Sandra Rivera/Teachers/NBHS – For permission to take 50 students and five chaperones to New York City on Friday, December 3, 2010 to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (Supporting document labeled "6D-1")
- 2) Ken Gouveia/Fred Pimental/Teachers/NBHS – For permission to take 39 students and five chaperones to New York City on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 to visit the Wholesale District as part of the *Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship* (NFTE) curriculum. (Supporting document labeled "6D-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval of a request from Linda Enos/Principal, on behalf of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, to list Normandin Middle School as part of their Emergency Plan, as their primary site for student and staff evacuation. (Supporting document labeled "6G")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval of a request to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at the Gomes and Carney Elementary Schools, Normandin Middle School, SEI/World Languages, Title I and Finance and Operations offices at the Paul Rodrigues Administrative Building. (Supporting document labeled "6H")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to grant approval of a request from Heather Larkin/Assistant Superintendent/Student Services, for permission to transfer the following funds: (Supporting document labeled "6I")

- \$61,441 from 4001-2800-12-4018- 100-00 (Psychological Elementary Evaluations) to 4001-2320-00-4049-000-48 (Speech and Language Therapy Services)
- \$1,539 from 4001-2800-22-4018-400-00 (Psychological Middle School Evaluations) to 4001-2320-00-4049-000-48 (Speech and Language Therapy Services)
- \$8,000 from 4001-2800-32-4018-500-00 (Psychological High School Evaluations) to 4001-2320-00-4049-000-48 (Speech and Language Therapy Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

- Matters Pertaining to Union Negotiations
  - New Bedford Educators Association
  - New Bedford Federation of Paraprofessionals
- Non-Union Personnel Matters
  - Superintendent's Evaluation Tool

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

5 - Yeas

0 - Nays

2 - Absent

At 9:06 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

Submitted by,



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