

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

ABSENT: ATTY. CLARK

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, MRS. LARKIN, MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. COSTA, MRS. DUNAWAY
(Recording secretary)

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to view and listen to a presentation by several members of the New Bedford High School JROTC.

Several members of the New Bedford High School JROTC program presented a Power Point presentation listing their goals and the status of those goals. It was mentioned that they have an Honor Unit distinction and are among the top 10% in the nation. The JROTC recently received a 98.5 score out of a possible 100 upon inspection.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take selected items from the agenda out of order.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6C-1 out of order.

Mr. Bruce Duarte, Sr., representing the New Bedford Idol competition, addressed the Committee regarding a request to use New Bedford Public Schools facilities.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve a request from Councillor Bruce Duarte, on behalf of the New Bedford Idol competition, for permission to use Normandin Middle School for the 3rd Annual New Bedford Idol competition on March 26 and April 9; Roosevelt Middle School on Saturday, April 2 and a school to be determined on the following Saturdays: April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., with a waiver of the rental and custodial fees. (Supporting document "6C-1")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6C-2 out of order.

Mr. David Burek, representing the Department of Youth Services, addressed the Committee in regard to a request to use New Bedford Public Schools facilities

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to approve a request by David Burek/Resource Development Specialist, on behalf of the Department of Youth Services, for permission to use the Carney Academy gymnasium on Friday, January 21, 2011 from 2:00 – 5:00 P.M., with a waiver of the rental and custodial fee. (Supporting document "6C-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take item 6E-2 out of order.

Mr. Jerry Pinto addressed the Committee regarding his request for permission to distribute flyers.

students at the Hathaway, Rodman and Winslow Schools, announcing a Tree Decorating Celebration, on December 15, 2010. (Supporting document "6E-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6D out of order.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to give the Superintendent authority to move forward, if comfortable with the details, with a request from Karen Tatro/Campaign Coordinator/Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to run their *Pennies for Patients* program over a three week period in January, February or March, at schools throughout the district. (Supporting document "6D")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6E-1 out of order.

Mr. Peter Pacheco representing i9 Sports addressed the Committee with regard to his request to distribute flyers. Mr. Pacheco explained that his organization offers help to families in need with associated costs of the program.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to direct the Superintendent to work out the details regarding a request by Peter Pacheco/Program Director/i9 Sports for permission to distribute flyers to elementary and middle school students throughout the district to announce their Basketball and Flag Football League programs. (Supporting document "6E-1")

At this time Dr. Finnerty questioned the necessity of bringing requests for distribution of flyers/posters before the School Committee. Dr. Finnerty felt that the Superintendent could approve such requests administratively.

On a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, the Committee voted to allow the Superintendent make decisions relative to requests to distribute flyers/posters.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6 - Yeas

0 - Nays

1 - Absent

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take item 6A out of order.

At this time, Marianne DeSouza, Director of Public Health for the City of New Bedford, addressed the Committee regarding information on health related programs that may be of interest to the Community. Items relative to the promotion of health & fitness along with the ongoing preparation for the future New Bedford Public Schools Wellness Policy was referred to.

Dr. Pauline Hamel of Mass in Motion described the program and mentioned problems surrounding poor nutrition and physical activity problems.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to take up item 3, Public Comment.

Public Comment: Morgan James Peters – Concern over attendance policy and parent/school relationships.

Lee Heald/Director/Aha! New Bedford addressed the Committee with regard to her request to distribute flyers announcing free winter vacation workshops at ArtWorks! and the City's free New Year's Eve

celebration. Mayor Lang mentioned that this request was for information only as the vote was made previously to give the Superintendent authority to make decisions regarding flyers/posters. (Supporting document "6E-3")

Item 6B relative to a presentation by Candida Desjardins, Director of Educational Outreach/Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) regarding information on their educational programs, was not brought forth at this time. Ms. Desjardins was unable to attend.

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

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

- October 21, 2010 – Facilities, Maintenance & School Building Sub-Committee Minutes
- October 25, 2010 – Policy Sub-Committee Minutes (As amended)
- November 8, 2010 – Finance Sub-Committee Minutes
- November 8, 2010 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 29, 2010 – Policy Sub-Committee Minutes

Mr. Oliveira reviewed the Schedule of Bills from October from the Office of Finance and Operations.

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

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

The Superintendent's Report included the following topics:

- Update on Keith Middle School fire
- Race to the Top (RTTP) Grant submission
- Two recent reviews conducted by the DESE
- Level 4 Parker School update
- Kindergarten visit by DESE
- Innovation Schools
- Technology-Mediated Instruction
- High School Graduation Initiative Grants
- Anti-Bullying Plan and Policy
- Updated Strategic Plan and Dropout Prevention

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

Several Committee members gave reports.

Report was given by Assistant Superintendent, Heather Larkin regarding her attendance at the "Inspired by Hope" gala in Florida along with three NBPS students who presented the "Where Are You Headed" message.

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

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

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve the following requests to accept donations (Supporting documents labeled "6F 1-7"):

- 1) Susan Beck/Principal/Dunbar School – 38 books from John Medeiros for the school library.
- 2) Jamie Camacho/Principal/Gomes School – One Dell Computer from Gina Hawthorne for the kindergarten classroom.
- 3) Gene Sladewski/Principal/Lincoln School - \$26.02 from the Target Take Charge of Education Program and a \$200 Target Gift Card from the Citizens-Union Savings Bank.
- 4) Andrew Kulak/Headmaster/New Bedford High School - \$12.57 from Olympia Sports for the school fund.
- 5) Darcy Fernandes/Principal/Roosevelt Middle School - \$1500 grant from Greater New Bedford C.O.A.S.T. to help fund the Roosevelt Middle School AMIGO Center.
- 6) Arthur Dutra/Principal/Hannigan School-Sea Lab – Four red-eared slider turtles, tank and equipment from Robert and Lina Desrosiers for Sea Lab.
- 7) Deborah Cimo/Principal/Kempton School - \$175.44 from Lifetouch National School Studios for the school fund.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms Pollock, to take up all requests for out of state field trips together.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval of the following out of state field trips (Supporting document labeled "6G 1-2"):

- 1) Kristen Aber/Teacher/New Bedford High School – Permission to take 50 students and five chaperones to New York City to see the Bodies Exhibit on March 25, 2011. (Supporting document labeled "6G-1")
- 2) Heather Brunelli/Sean Igoe/Teachers/Trinity Day Academy – Permission to take 11 students and five chaperones to Providence College to attend a health and basketball clinic on December 22, 2010. (Supporting document labeled "6G-2")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval to Tom Tarpey/Basketball Coach/New Bedford High School, for permission to take 13 students (basketball players) and four chaperones to Chelsea, MA to play in a two day Christmas Tournament from Sunday, December 26 – 28, 2010. (Supporting document labeled "6H-1")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval to Neil Macedo/Phys. Ed. Teacher/New Bedford High School for permission to travel to Kansas City, Missouri from December 16 – 19, 2010 to attend the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Convention. (No cost to the district.) (Supporting document labeled "6I-1")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at the Paul Rodrigues Administrative Building. (Supporting document "6K")

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to take up all requests for transfer of funds together.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval to transfer the following funds (Supporting documents labeled "6L"):

- Heather Larkin/Assistant Superintendent: \$15,000 from Acct. 4001-9300-12-6008-100-04 (Tuition Sped Private Elementary Residential other) to 4001-3301-02-4045-206-00 (Transportation – McKinney Vento); \$25,000 from Acct. 4001-9300-32-6008-500-05 (Tuition Sped Private High

School Day Other) to 4001-3302-32-4045-500-05 (Transportation Sped High School Day Transportation)

- Susan Beck/Principal/Dunbar School: \$250 from Acct. 4001-2420-11-060-00-8002 (Dunbar School Equipment) to 4001-2210-11-060-84-5028 (Dunbar Principals Office); \$250 from Acct. 4001-2420-11-060-00-8002 (Dunbar School Equipment) to 4001-2210-11-060-84-6008 (Dunbar Principals Office other); \$300 from 4001-2420-11-060-00-8002 (Dunbar School Equipment) to 4001-4130-11-060-00-6017 (Dunbar Utility Telephone)
- Deborah Cimo/Principal/Kempton School: \$288 from Acct. 4001-2420-11-085-00-8002 (Kempton School Equipment) to 4001-2210-11-085-84-5028 (Kempton Principals Office Equipment)
- Darcy Fernandes/Principal/Roosevelt Middle School: \$1000 from Acct. 4001-2410-21-415-00-5030 (Roosevelt Textbooks) to 4001-2420-21-415-00-8002 (Roosevelt Equipment)
- Kyle Riley/Principal/Trinity Day Academy: \$200 from Acct. 4001-2430-32-510-00-5026 (Trinity Day Sped Classroom Supply) to 4001-4230-32-510-00-4049 (Trinity Day Maintenance Equipment other)
- Paula Bailey/Principal/Winslow School: \$243 from Acct. 4001-2430-11-140-00-5026 (Winslow Classroom Supply) to 4001-2210-11-140-84-6008 (Winslow Principals Office other)

A brief discussion ensued regarding the status of the Ottiwell and Phillips Avenue schools. Mayor Lang explained that after the properties are transferred, the City Council Property Committee will send out requests for proposals (RFP) to interested parties who may be interested in the buildings. Mr. Oliveira asked for time to move furniture and equipment, and to give principals in the district an opportunity to acquire appropriate surplus items. Questions were raised relative to previous discussions surrounding the Parenting Teen program moving into the Ottiwell School building.

At this time, Mayor Lang stated that there will be a bond for roof repair at the Hillman St. complex and that an architect is needed to refurbish the building for several educational programs including Parenting Teens, Adult Education and JRC. He also mentioned that the Massachusetts School Building Authority will have to be contacted to figure out a way to move the complex into an eligible category for bonding.

On a motion by Ms. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee voted to grant approval of a request to have the Sarah D. Ottiwell and Phillips Avenue Elementary Schools declared as surplus property, in accordance with School Department Policy DN, and that the buildings be turned over to the City Council Property Committee, effective February 15, 2011.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

6 - Yeas

0 - Nays

1 - Absent

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

- For the purpose of:
 - Matters Pertaining to Union issues – New Bedford Educators Association
 - Negotiations
 - Level 4 – Parker School
 - Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative (MMSI)
 - Matters Pertaining to Union issues – AFSCME
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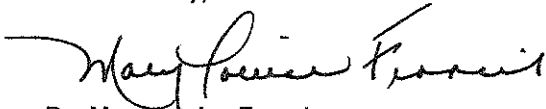
6 - Yeas

0 - Nays

1 - Absent

At 9:32 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Ussach, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the Regular Session meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent
Secretary, School Committee

MLF/lpd