

August 9, 2010  
Keith Middle School  
7:07 P.M.

<b>REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>
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PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, DR. FLETCHER, MS. POLLOCK, MR. NOBREGA, DR. FINNERTY, MRS. USSACH

ABSENT: ATTY. CLARK

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, H. LARKIN, C. COSTA, L. DUNAWAY (Acting recording secretary)

Justin Braga, Student Representative, was in attendance.

Public Comment was as follows:

1. Evangelos Safioleas - Suggested waiving admission fees for all sporting events for students.
2. Carol Strupczewski - Inquired about the remediation cost for New Bedford High School.
3. Jennifer Cintron - Concerned about remediation at the Little Whalers classroom area at New Bedford High School.

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

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to correct the minutes of June 28, 2010 as recorded to read as follows:

*-On a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, the Committee voted to eliminate 10 maintenance and 30 custodial positions.*

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach to receive and place on file the minutes of the following meetings:

- June 28, 2010 - Special School Committee Meeting (As amended)
- July 12, 2010 - Regular School Committee Meeting
- July 12, 2010 - Finance Sub-Committee
- July 19, 2010 - Special School Committee Meeting

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take up altogether and to receive and place on file the following reports as follows:

- Financial Statement from the Office of Finance & Operations
- Schedule of Bills from the Office of Finance & Operations
- Personnel Report

Ms. Pollock asked for an explanation of a line item of \$117,032 listed on the Financial Report.

The Superintendent's Report included the following topics:

- Race to the Top (RTTT) Update
- Education Jobs Bill Update
- Common Core Standards (2012/2013)

- Board of Education – two new members
- 2010 version of the education portion of Mass. General Laws and the new Open Meeting Law documents were distributed
- Local Stakeholders Group (LSG) – Parker School Update
- Carney Academy - Visiting Home Team Update
- The following presentations were made:
  - Jerry Pinto/Safe Zones – Anti-Bullying Program and potential Curriculum
  - Luz Torres and Eddie Johnson/CLEAN - Implementing an Environmental Curriculum at Keith Middle School and New Bedford High School and possible Environmental Sub-Committee

School Committee reports were given by several School Committee members along with the Student Representative.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, take items listed under 6C out of order and to include the Addendum item.

Rev. David Lima/Executive Minister/Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford gave a brief overview of to the Committee regarding his request, on behalf of the Faith Community and Community Groups, to use the Auditorium and Community Room at Keith Middle School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval to Rev. David Lima/Executive Minister/Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford to use the Auditorium and Community Room at Keith Middle School on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 from 5:30 – 9:30 P.M. for a joint prayer service from the Faith Community and for Community Groups to feature displays with their resources for New Bedford Public School families, with a waiver of all fees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to grant approval to Maria Tomasia/Chairperson/Board of Election Commissioners to use portions of Carney Academy, Campbell School, Parker School, Normandin Middle School, Hathaway School, Hayden McFadden School and New Bedford High School as polling places for the State Primary on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 and the State Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, with a waiver of the rental fee.

Dr. Finnerty asked if there is a policy regarding giving permission for waiver of fees if an organization is charging admission. Dr. Francis responded that requests are taken up on a case by case basis.

A discussion ensued regarding a request from the Miss New Bedford Scholarship Pageant Committee.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to table a request by Mark Fuller/Business Agent/Miss New Bedford Scholarship Pageant to use the Keith Middle School auditorium for the fifty-eighth Miss New Bedford Scholarship Pageant rehearsals on September 24, 2010 from 5:00 – 10:00 P.M. and September 25, 2010 from 10:00 A.M – 3:00 P.M. and for the performance on September 26, 2010 from 1:00 – 6:00 P.M., with a waiver of the rental fee and to sell refreshments. (Sales and consumption to be contained in the Community Room.)

Mayor Lang suggested that Mr. Fuller give an explanation regarding the request for a waiver of the rental fee and mentioned that the request to use the facility was not in question, just the waiver of the rental fee.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve a request by Rose A. Sauvageau/Academy Director/Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Police Training

Committee to use a portion of the New Bedford High School parking lot on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 from 12:30 – 2:30 P.M. for a safety exercise in conjunction with their Basic Accident Investigation School.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve a request to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN-R, a recommended list of surplus property located at Swift School.

Mayor Lang reviewed the protocol when items are declared surplus as follows: 1- School Dept. 2- City 3- Non-Profit groups 4 -the public.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to request Dr. Francis to ensure that all supplies are fully inventoried at the school buildings scheduled to be closed and that all electronics, furniture and non fixtures be brought to a secure facility to be used by the School Department in the future.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to send a list of vehicles, that are ready to be declared surplus, to Larry Worden/Dept. of Public Facilities/City of New Bedford to see if they can be used by the city. After a review by Mr. Worden, items to be declared surplus.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to authorize acceptance of the following donations:

- Keith Middle School/Girls Summer program on Choice and Anger – \$1000 grant from the Community foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts – Women's Action Fund

A brief discussion ensued regarding increases in fees to the New Bedford High School Evening Program and possible subsidies.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval for to a request by Rosemary Wilde/Director/Adult and Continuing Education to increase the tuition for the New Bedford High School Evening Extension Program for FY 2011 and to ask the Workforce Investment Board to help subsidize the fees as follows:

Resident Registration & Tuition: \$110 (increased by \$10)  
Non-Resident Registration & Tuition per course: \$160 (increased by \$10)

Also, to charge for test administration as follows:

MCAS English Language Arts Retest: \$30  
MCAS Mathematics Retest: \$20  
MCAS Science Tech/Engineering Test \$20

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to grant approval to submit the following project for the 2010 – 2011 school year:

- High School Graduation Initiative = \$1,898,952

Dr. Francis explained that the practice of submitting grant proposals and project summary sheets to the Committee would be re-instituted.

At this time, at the request of Dr. Finnerty, Michael Correia, Director of Athletics addressed the Committee to inform them that new lockers will eventually be placed in the Boys Phys. Ed. Area of the high school to

accommodate equipment used by the athletes. He explained that larger lockers are needed, especially for the football team, and met with the Headmaster and coaches to discuss fundraising efforts to purchase the new lockers.

A motion was made by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

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

At 8:46 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, 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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