

September 12, 2016  
Keith Middle School  
6:00 P.M.  
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**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
~MINUTES~**

**PRESENT:** MAYOR MITCHELL, MR. AMARAL, MR. COTTER, DR. FINNERTY (arr. at 6:55 PM)  
MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. NOBREGA, MR. OLIVEIRA

**ABSENT:** NONE

**IN ATTENDANCE:** DR. DURKIN, DR. DEFALCO, MS. BETTENCOURT, MS. EMSLEY, MR. O'LEARY,  
MS. WALMSLEY, MR. CARVALHO, MR. TETREAULT, MRS. DUNAWAY (Recording Secretary)

The School Committee Student Representative, Gina Connor, was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: (Supporting documents labeled "3")

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to accept the following meeting minutes as presented:

- Facilities Sub Committee: July 7, 2016
- Finance Sub Committee: July 7, 2016

Superintendent's Report (Dr. Durkin):  
(Supporting documents labeled "4")

- Dr. Durkin introduced several new administrators as follows:
  - Math/STEM Director – Tammy Greene
  - Assistant Principal/Normandin Middle School – Dr. Dominique Branco
  - Special Education Supervisor – Sandra Ford
- District Update

Dr. Durkin and Dr. DeFalco gave a "*Launching the 2016-17 School Year*" presentation.

## LAUNCHING THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

School Committee Update  
September 12, 2016  
New Bedford Public Schools

### Celebrating the Progress

- K-5 Reading Program
- K-5 Math Program
- Consistent units of study in middle school
- Expanded Learning Time grants for Gomes and Hayden-McFadden
- Early marketing and recruitment through Human Capital Services
- Stabilizing the district's fiscal picture to forego layoffs the last three years

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### Celebrating the Progress

- Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning (EBTL) Model at the High School
- Significant investment in NBHS from Dr. Irwin Jacobs
- Accelerating long-neglected school facility issues
- Upgrading technology infrastructure and computer access
- DESE removal of the Plan Manager/Plan Monitor continues
- DESE approval of Accelerated Improvement Plan (AIP) - 4<sup>th</sup> year of an August approval

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### Continuing the Progress

- Middle Schools Community Engagement Project (Teachers 21)
  - Added Teaching Learning Specialists
  - Added Reading Specialists and piloting STAR assessment
  - Added Arts, Health, and Technology Teachers
  - Added Wraparound coordinators and family resource staff
  - Accelerated Learning Program at Keith
- Collaborative Time for Educators:
  - More intensive on-going progress monitoring
  - Review of student work
  - Connecting supervisor feedback, student progress and student work
- STAR Assessment Tool (11 schools)
- Science curriculum needs
- Groundbreaking for the "new" Hannigan School

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During the presentation, Dr. Durkin and Dr. DeFalco also added:

- The Evidence-Based Teaching and Learning (EBTL) model at NBHS was empowering students to learn more critically.
- Several of the long-neglected school facilities were getting new boilers and windows.
- Upgrading of technology is taking place with a focus on preparing the access of on-line PARCC testing for Grades 4 & 8 for this school year. Results will be available in a timelier manner, giving administrators the opportunity to adapt more quickly to plan instruction. Other grade levels will be added in the coming years.
- The Plan Manager (DMC) will no longer work with NBPS. The DESE has determined that the district can manage this work and we can continue to work with a DESE monitor only.
- The Accelerated Learning Program at Keith is currently in the pilot stage and will hopefully be replicated at the other middle schools next school year.
- The STAR Assessment Tool is being used in 11 schools. It is computer based and may replace Galileo within the district.
- New standards are being worked on in regard to the science curriculum.

### Public Comment

- Carol Strupczewski – Concern over the outdoor conditions at Pulaski School

### Business Office Report (Mr. O'Leary): (Supporting documents labeled "6A"):

Mr. O'Leary stated that on average, 30-40% has been expended in general expense and schools have the majority of their funds spent due to the purchase of supplies.

Mr. O'Leary gave a summary of the transfers that needed the approval of the Committee. He explained that most were related to leasing equipment and repairs.

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Org	Func	Obj	Description	Org	Func	Obj	Description	Amount	Reason
07535450	2455	540005	Instr Software Supplies Hathaway	07538441	5300	520004	Lease of Equip Hathaway Contr Services	2,105	Lease of new copy machine
51538440	3600	520004	School Security Whaling City	51539540	4230	520004	Maint of Equip Whaling City	80	repair of 2 way radios
01539550	2340	540005	Classroom Supplies Brooks	01538441	5300	520004	Lease of Equip Brooks Contr Services	4,222	Lease of 2 new copy machines
04103955	2340	5400005	Classroom Supplies Normandin	41038441	5300	520004	Lease of Equip Normandin	4,593	Lease of new copy machine

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to approve the above listed transfers. (Supporting document "6A")

### MSBA

- Taylor/Sea Lab – Occupancy permit has been issued
- Hannigan – Ground breaking ceremony was held on September 7.
- ARP – Boilers are on target to be installed before the cold weather. The temporary window project at Pulaski and Hayden McFadden are 90% complete; Carney has been started and Gomes has been delayed. Parker will begin the full installation next summer.

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to accept the Business Office Report.

Personnel Report (Ms. Emsley) (Supporting document labeled "6B")

Ms. Emsley reviewed the personnel report with the Committee. She reported that there were 128 appointments since the last personnel report in August. There were also three retirements and 33 resignations. Ms. Emsley also stated that 13 vacancies remained in the district.

Ms. Emsley noted the following:

- Mentoring and induction is underway.
- AESOP (automated substitute calling system) is completely functional district-wide.
- NBPS will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employee Wellness Fair.
- Employees will be notified about participation in the Fit Bit Fall Challenge.

Dr. Finnerty arrived at the meeting.

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to accept the Personnel Report.

School Committee Reports: Mr. Amaral gave a report.

The Student Representative gave her report.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve a request to create an additional Assistant Principal position at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School.

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to waive the second reading and adopt/omit/revise the following policies as listed: (Reviewed and approved by the Policy Sub Committee as part of the district's ongoing revision of the complete policy manual. This project is in consultation with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC)): (Supporting documents labeled "7B")

SECTION E

SUPPORT SERVICES

EA	SUPPORT SERVICES GOALS – No change
EB	SAFETY PROGRAM - Adopt
EBAB	PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY – Adopt
EBB	FIRST AID - Adopt
EBBB	ACCIDENT REPORTS - Omit
EBC	EMERGENCY PLANS - Adopt
EBCAA	CRISIS RESPONSE - Omit
EBCB	FIRE DRILLS - Omit
EBCD	EMERGENCY CLOSINGS - No change
EBCD-R	EMERGENCY CLOSINGS - Omit

EC	BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MANAGEMENT – Minor revision
ECA	BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY – No change
ECABA-R	IDENTIFICATION CARDS - Omit
ECAC	VANDALISM – No change
ECAF	SECURITY CAMERAS IN SCHOOLS - Adopt
ECE	TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONTROLS – Omit
ED	MATERIAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - Omit
EDC	AUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL-OWNED MATERIALS - Omit
EEA	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION – No change
EEAA	WALKERS AND RIDERS - Omit
EEAE	SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM – Minor revision
EEAEA	BUS DRIVER EXAMINATION AND TRAINING - Omit
EEAEA-I	DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS - Omit
EEAEC	STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES – No change
EEAEC-R	STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES – No change
EEAF	SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BUSES - Omit
EEAG	USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES ON SCHOOL BUSINESS – Omit
EEAG (Rev)	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES – Adopt
EEAJ	MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS - Adopt
EF	FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT - Omit
EFC	FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES – No change
EFC-E	FREE AND REDUCED PRICE FOOD SERVICES - Omit
EGAF	TELEPHONE/CELL PHONE USAGE POLICY - Omit
EGAD	COPYRIGHT PROTECTION POLICY – No change

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to adopt the following policies as required by M.G.L. 71:1; 71:96 and 71:2A; 71:96; 272:40A: (Supporting documents labeled “7C”)

IHAMB	TEACHING ABOUT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS
JICH	ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUG USE BY STUDENTS PROHIBITED

On a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to nominate Joshua Amaral as the voting delegate to represent the New Bedford School Committee at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) annual business meeting on November 2, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Amaral and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to nominate Bruce Oliveira as the alternate voting delegate to represent the New Bedford School Committee at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) annual business meeting on November 2, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve request to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN, a recommended list of surplus property located at Adult Education, Ashley School, Brooks School, DeValles School, and Pacheco School. (Supporting document labeled “7E”)

At 7:20 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, the Committee voted to adjourn.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes  
Mr. Cotter – Yes  
Mr. Nobrega – Yes  
Mr. Oliveira - Yes

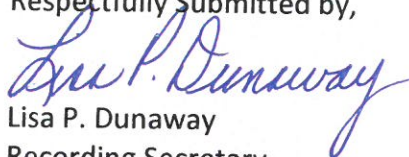
Mr. Amaral – Yes  
Mr. Livramento - Yes  
Dr. Finnerty – Yes

7 – Yeas

0 – Nays

0 – Absent

Respectfully Submitted by,

  
Lisa P. Dunaway  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

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