

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

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, DR. FINNERTY arrived at 8:00, MR. AMARAL, MR. COTTER, MR. LIVRAMENTO, MR. OLIVEIRA

ABSENT: MR. NOBREGA

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DURKIN, DR. DEFALCO, MS. BETTENCOURT, MS. EMSLEY, MR. O'LEARY, MR. MOTTA, MS. DUNAWAY (Recording Secretary)

The School Committee Student Representative, Amanda Braga, was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

The Committee voted, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, to accept the following School Committee meeting minutes as follows: (Supporting documents labeled "3")

- Regular Meeting Minutes: August 14, 2017
- Executive Session Minutes: 2/9, 6/15, 7/13, 8/10 -2015; 4/11, 11/14 - 2016; 2/13, 8/14 -2017

Mr. Cotter abstained from voting on the minutes from 2/9, 6/15, 7/13, 8/10 -2015.

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

Dr. Durkin presented the Summer Program report stating that approximately 1600 students took part in one of four venues:

- 700 students were in a sped component with regard to their IEP
- 229 were involved with the on-line program, APEX
- 111 attended the "Y" program "Power Scholars". The program helps to prevent students sliding back in their studies over the summer. The program includes intervention and enrichment activities.
- Other students attended the Community sites program at: Dennison Memorial, Boys' and Girls' Club, New Bedford Housing Authority, YMCA and NorthStar

Jim Mathes, President/CEO of Dennison Memorial Community Center, addressed the Committee to comment on how well the program was received and to give credit to those NBPS teachers and staff who dedicated themselves to seeing that the program was a success. He also expressed that he hopes to continue the partnership next year.

Dr. Durkin spoke of how well the Convocation went for District teachers on August 28, 2017.

Several initiatives/programs were highlighted/rolled out for the new school year:

- Newly aligned report card
- New science program for grades 3 – 8
- Social Thinking curriculum (Respect for Others)
- All schools will use the STAR assessment program
- Ed Guide to Mental Health (Leadership So Coast dealing with emotional needs)
- Middle School re-design – this is very new and the work is being implemented – action and execution
- Grade 9 Honors Academy
- Personalized Learning at each middle school
- Two building transitions (Jacobs and Taylor) went smoothly and without a hitch due to the conscientious work of the principals and assistance from of Andrew O’Leary and Al Oliveira.
- Our student population is 12986 – 18 more than last year – indicating a stable enrollment

Dr. Durkin expressed to the Committee that she was pleased with the Advanced Placement data and said it showed that the results of qualifying scores are the strongest and at an all-time high.

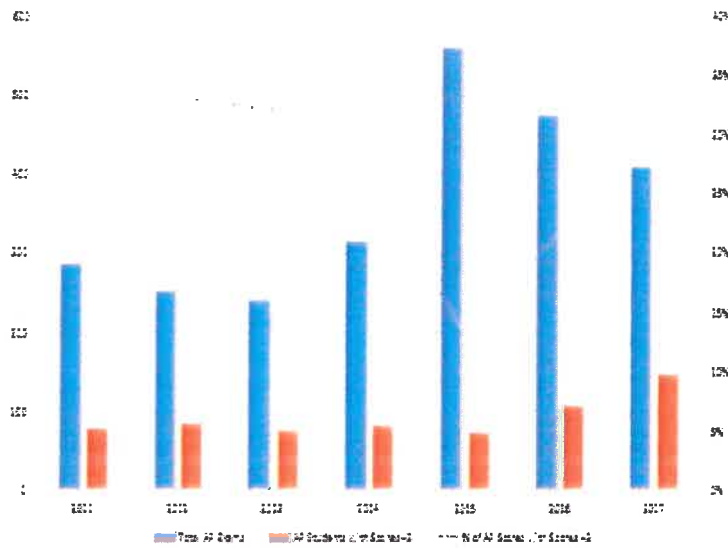
Bernadette Coelho, Headmaster of New Bedford High School, addressed the Committee and gave the following presentation:

Advanced Placement 2017

New Bedford High School



NBHS AP Program over the Past Seven Years



Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total AP Scores	286	282	340	325	350	474	426
AP Students w/7 Scores 4-5	75	84	78	82	73	108	147
% of AP Scores w/7 Scores 4-5	26%	30%	23%	25%	21%	23%	34%

Year to Year AP Growth

- The Average AP Score increased overall from 2.07 to 2.42
- Qualifying scores increased from 103 to 147 demonstrating a 24% increase year to year.

Subject	Average AP Score 2016 (# of students)	Average AP Score 2017 (# of students)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
AP Biology	2.634 (28)	2.874 (31)	0	1	8	10	12
AP Calculus AB	2.760 (20)	2.23 (15)	2	7	14	18	20
AP Calculus AB (n/a)	n/a	4.687 (8)	2	3	0	0	0
AP Calculus BC (n/a)	n/a	4 (8)	1	1	1	0	0
AP Chemistry	2.174 (32)	2.687 (8)	0	0	1	2	5
AP Computer Science	2.000 (23)	2.2 (24)	2	3	1	2	8
AP Environmental Studies	2.639 (20)	2.958 (28)	0	3	0	8	7
AP European History	2.423 (21)	2.639 (22)	1	1	8	8	15
AP Human Geography	2.432 (18)	2.168 (23)	0	2	2	0	9
AP Music Theory	2.283 (4)	2.253 (4)	0	1	1	0	2
AP Physics	2.320 (18)	2.125 (8)	0	8	1	2	0
AP Seminar	2.88 (12)	2.400 (8)	0	2	0	2	2
AP Stats	2.124 (21)	2.60 (28)	0	0	3	8	17
AP Studio Art	2.818 (11)	2.100 (8)	0	0	2	2	1
AP Language (Grade 11)	2.028 (25)	2.27 (48)	1	5	8	23	17
AP US History	2.172 (22)	2.42 (28)	1	2	8	8	1
AP US Govt (Grade 12)	2.228 (22)	2.133 (32)	0	2	14	24	12
AP Seminar	n/a	2.94 (43)	1	2	34	7	0
AP US Government	1(2)	2.25 (4)	0	8	1	5	0
2018 Totals	2.07*		15 (3%)	26 (5%)	67 (24%)	182 (40%)	280 (58%)
2017 Totals	2.07*	2.42*	11 (3%)	34 (8%)	101 (28%)	152 (34%)	128 (30%)

AP Capstone

- 2016-2107 AP Seminar
 - 84% of students earned a qualifying score
 - 16% (7 students) scored a 2, indicative of college persistence
- 2017-2018 AP Research

AP Scholars

24 NBHS students were recognized as AP Scholars, up from 18 in 2016

- 17 AP Scholars (scored 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)
- 1 AP Scholar with Honors (scored at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams)
- 6 AP Scholars with Distinction (scored at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and a 3 or higher on five or more of these exams)

Ensuring Future AP Success

- AP US History
 - Two years to complete course (192 current students)
- AP European History
 - Option to complete during junior year
- AP Honors Algebra I/Pre Calculus
AP Calculus
 - Grade 10 courses leading to AP Calculus and AP Statistics (55 current students)
- Biology Dual Enrollment (Grade 8)
Honors Chemistry (Grade 9)
AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental
 - Leads to AP Science pathway without sacrificing other courses that spark student interest
- Increase Learning Time in AP Literature and AP Language
 - Adjust time allocated to support all students

Following the presentation, Dr. Durkin explained that the district pays for the AP exams and all AP students are required to take the test. The test is a national test – not developed by New Bedford or the State.

Ms. Coelho continued that nine teachers took the course at Bridgewater State University. She went on to say that the (Preliminary SAT) PSAT test is offered to all 10th graders and the results demonstrate the AP potential the students may have.

Mr. Amaral commented that that high school has a lot to offer including the AP course variety (17 in all).

Mr. Livramento asked if students of color are taking advantage of the program. Ms. Coelho responded that counselors meet with the students and they are given the PSAT. They see how well they do in a particular area and are encouraged to take AP courses. Colleges recognize the effort and accept students based on this effort.

Mr. Cotter remarked that a good job was done in getting the scores higher and he is happy to see students being offered choices and shown they have potential.

Public Comment:

1. Morgan Bernardo – Special Education Concern
2. Faith Mosher – Student Concern
3. Brandi Mosher – Parent Concern

Business Office Report (Mr. O’Leary): (Supporting documents – 6A)

Mr. O’Leary reviewed the financial reports with the Committee. Non-salary spend-down is at 42%; department reports - expenses are encumbered 40-60%. All transportation costs will be mostly encumbered by next month; school reports will consist of mainly supplies with 60-80% encumbered. Salaries are not reflected as it is the start of the new school year.

Building Projects:

- Substantial completion with window projects
- First phase of repairs have been made at Parker School; windows will be replaced in the summer of 2018
- Program manager for Brooks has been appointed

Mr. O’Leary stated that transfer requests are mainly utility transfers.

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the following transfers:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS										
										8/31/2017
FOR APPROVAL FROM				TO						
Org	Func	Obj	Description	Org	Func	Obj	Description	Amount	Reason	
\$2135740	2357	520004	OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION PROF DEV SERVICES	\$1243080	2410	580008	RENAISSANCE TEXTBOOKS	16,200.00	Envision Math	
\$4159551	2430	540005	ROOSEVELT CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	\$4158450	2210	540005	PRINCIPAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	532.75	Student T Shirts	
\$1409550	2430	540005	WINSLOW CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	\$1409540	4230	520004	MAINT OF EQUIPMENT WINSLOW	185.00	Repair of 2-Way radios	
\$1159550	2430	540005	PARKER CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	\$1158441	5300	520004	LEASE OF EQUIPMENT PARKER	7.48	copier lease for the year	

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8/31/2017

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Org	Func	Obj	Description	Org	Func	Obj	Description	Amount	Reason	
S1255560	4120	520780	Gas Rodman	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	10,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0785560	4120	520780	Hayden McFadden Gas	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	6,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0705560	4120	520780	Jacobs Gas	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	15,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1235560	4120	520780	Pulaski Gas	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	3,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S505556C	4120	520780	High School Gas	S0040040	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	15,000.00	Projected savings towards annual ESCO payment	
S010706C	4130	520410	Ashley Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	4,000.00	Projected savings towards annual ESCO payment	
S0157060	4130	520410	Brooks Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	3,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0207060	4130	520410	Campbell Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	3,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0407060	4130	520410	Congdon Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	3,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0457060	4130	520410	Carney Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	4,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0507060	4130	520410	DeValles Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	3,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0637060	4130	520410	Gomes Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	4,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0707060	4130	520410	Jacobs Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	25,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0757060	4130	520410	Hathaway Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	3,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0787060	4130	520410	Hayden McFadden Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	6,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S0907060	4130	520410	PRAB Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	5,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1057060	4130	520410	Pacheco Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	2,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1157060	4130	520410	Parker Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	5,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1237060	4130	520410	Pulaski Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	5,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1257060	4130	520410	Rodman Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	5,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1307060	4130	520410	Swift Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	6,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S1357060	4130	520410	Taylor Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	7,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S4057060	4130	520410	Keith Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	39,976.85	towards annual ESCO payment	
S4107060	4130	520410	Normandin Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	7,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S5057060	4130	520410	High School Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	25,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	
S4155560	4130	520410	Roosevelt Electric	S004004C	5300	520004	ESCO Lease Payment	4,000.00	towards annual ESCO payment	

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira, and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY 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 98 appointments, five retirements, 24 resignations and two transfers since the last personnel report in August.

To a question by Mr. Livramento, Ms. Emsley responded that there are still seven vacancies in areas of math and special education. At this time last year, the district had 19 vacancies.

Ms. Emsley announced that the Wellness Fair will be held at Keith Middle School this fall.

Mayor Mitchell cautioned the Committee that per counsel, personnel reports would no longer be voted on as to "to accept" the report.

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Oliveira, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report.

Several members gave reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Durkin addressed the Committee in regard to the eighth grade dual enrollment program at New Bedford High School. She stated that 139 students from the middle schools and 23 from Alma del Mar Charter School were enrolled

Mayor Mitchell expressed that we need more 8th graders to go to the high school and to make parents understand the benefits of NBHS. He continued that he would like Acushnet, Charter and Catholic Schools to have access to the dual enrollment program.

Mr. Oliveira stated that the biggest question about allowing Alma del Mar students to attend was the procedure. He stated that he has since asked for and received legal advice on behalf of the Committee. He continued with the following motion:

A motion was made by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to allow the Superintendent to run a pilot program for this school year that lets only the qualified out of district students from the Alma del Mar School to attend the dual enrollment program at NBHS until June 30, 2018. The approval expires on June 30, 2018 unless otherwise voted by the New Bedford School Committee. As part of this motion, the Superintendent and the Policy Sub Committee shall work to establish a policy defining the handling of future out of district students and their participation in the dual enrollment program for presentation to the full School Committee for their acceptance or rejection.

Mr. Amaral stated that marketing the high school is a big issue and he is not opposed to other students taking part. He continued that the idea is in the right place but he is concerned about the cost and has other questions that he will save for the Policy Sub Committee.

Mr. Cotter said he echoed Mr. Amaral's statement and commented that it was the lack of transparency that he had issue with as this discussion started much in advance and the School Committee members were not notified. He added that he had concerns about cost and transportation but expressed that he agreed that we have to market and highlight the high school.

Mr. Livramento stated that he believed the Sub Committee could work it out and believes that NBHS students should have priority.

Dr. Durkin commented that the information should have been provided to the Committee beforehand.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – No
Mr. Cotter – No	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Absent
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

3 – Yeas 2 – Nay 2 – Absent

Mayor Mitchell addressed the Committee in regard to a recent Open Meeting Law complaint that questioned the reason for the Executive Session meeting held during the School Committee meeting on August 14, 2017. The complainant also requested the minutes of said Executive Session. (Supporting document 7B)

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted to refer the matter to the City Solicitor and to release the August 14, 2017 Executive Session minutes.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Absent
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

5 – Yeas 0 – Nays 2 – Absent

On a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve requests to declare, in accordance with School Department Policy DN, a recommended list of surplus property located at: New Bedford High School and Hayden McFadden School. (Supporting documents 7C)

On a motion by Mr. Amaral and seconded by Mr. Livramento, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY to approve the following requests for out of state travel: (Supporting document 7D)

- Sonia Walmsley/Julie Mador – permission to travel to Chicago, IL from 10/27-10/31/17, to attend the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. (McKinney Vento Grant - \$3927)
- Lauren Burgess/Fine Arts/Pulaski School – permission to travel to San Antonio, TX, from 11/11-11/14/17, to attend the 19th Annual National Dance in Education Organization (NDEO) Conference. (No travel cost.)
- Fernando Pimentel/Academy of Finance/NBHS – permission to travel to New York City from 10/12-10/13/17, to attend the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship National Business Plan Competition. (No travel cost.)

At 7:50 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Mr. Amaral, the Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, to go into Executive Session, with the intent to return to Open Session, for the following purpose: To discuss strategies with respect to negotiations with union personnel, specifically, New Bedford Educators Association (NBEA) – Unit B.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Absent
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

5 – Yeas 0 – Nays 2 – Absent

At 8:08 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee voted to go back into Open Session. Dr. Finnerty arrived at 8:00 and was in attendance.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

Ms. Emsley addressed the Committee and explained that a proposed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the New Bedford School Committee and Unit B of the New Bedford Educators Association would allow additional compensation in the form of stipends to two Unit B administrators who share a principal. The stipends would go to the administrators at Congdon and DeValles Elementary Schools. (Supporting document 7E)

The Committee voted UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Oliveira and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to ratify a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) between the New Bedford School Committee and Unit B of the New Bedford Educators Association, Inc. with regard to administrators at Congdon and DeValles Elementary Schools. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

At 8:10 P.M., on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mr. Cotter, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Mr. Amaral – Yes
Mr. Cotter – Yes	Mr. Livramento - Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Absent	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Oliveira - Yes	

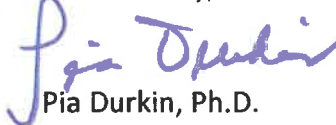
6 – Yeas 0 – Nays 1 – Absent

Respectfully Submitted by,



Lisa P. Dunaway
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



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