

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

PRESENT: MAYOR MITCHELL, MS. POLLOCK, ATTY. CLARK, DR. FINNERTY, DR. FLETCHER, MR. LIVRAMENTO,

ABSENT: MR. NOBREGA

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, DR. LARKIN, MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MRS. BROWN, MRS. MOURAO

Lynda Foisy, DESE Senior Associate Commissioner, and Eva Mitchell, Associate Commissioner – Center for District & School Accountability from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) presented and explained the Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) from September through December 2011. When reviewing a Turnaround Plan, Ms. Foisy indicated that DESE looks for the following:

1. What is the District expecting to accomplish to gain rapid student improvement?
2. How will this be done?
3. How will the District know if it's working?
4. What evidence is the District looking for?

Ms. Foisy indicated that New Bedford's Turnaround Plan had two areas for improvement - the Action Steps and the Benchmarks. She stated that the Superintendent was informed by DESE to continue with the work and keep moving forward. At the end of each quarter, the QPR will be submitted and presented to the School Committee. Mr. Peter Davies has been assigned to the District as the Plan Monitor to ensure a strong plan is in place. The District Management Council (DMC) has also been assigned to work with the District.

Ms. Mitchell indicated that math curriculum development in grades K-8 were strong. She stated that the District needs more work on the following:

- The ELA curriculum development actions need to be strengthened
- Teachers need adequate Professional Development training to implement expectations
- Instructional expectations need to be clarified
- Unite ongoing work of District in ways that focus on improving teaching and learning
- Focus on consistency throughout entire District

The next step of the Turnaround Plan phase is to resubmit plan with revisions by April 2, 2012. A meeting with DESE will be held on April 11, 2012. DESE will release the new Plan's evaluation letter on April 20, 2012 and present the QPR to the School Committee in April.

A discussion ensued about communication and assistance with the Plan.

The Hayden McFadden model was discussed. Superintendent Francis recommended the Transformation Model.

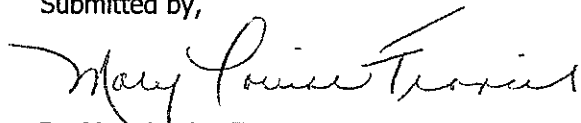
On a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Livramento, to select the Transformation Model for Hayden-McFadden School when applying for the School Redesign Grant.

The roll call vote was follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty - Yes
Mr. Livramento - Yes	

At 9:40 P.M., on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the special meeting.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Louise Francis".

Dr. Mary Louise Francis  
Superintendent,  
Secretary/School Committee

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