

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

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

Superintendent Francis introduced Mr. Garrett Smith of the District Management Council (DMC). Mr. Smith provided the Committee with a brief overview on DMC's role at New Bedford Public Schools (NBPS) and the work with the District Turnaround Plan. A PowerPoint presentation by DMC was used to provide the Committee with an update on the Plan.

Dr. Francis announced that the Plan will be ready for submission on April 2, 2012.

Mr. Angelo, Director of School Support, along with Dr. Anthony Azar, Curriculum Administrator, updated the Committee on the Learning Walks. Mr. Angelo indicated that over 200 classrooms have been visited. Upon completion of the Learning Walks, the Principals receive a written feedback in draft form from the visiting team. Everyone is given a chance to review and adjust or to make further recommendations. The goal of the Learning Walks is to provide the district teams with a structure in which to conduct these walks district-wide to improve teaching and learning. Also, to be consistent with expectations in the District's Turnaround Plan and create a through-line from every school to the classroom.

Dr. Larkin updated the Committee on the current attendance data. She indicated that over 800 students have been absent 20 or more days. Dr. Larkin is working with the Housing Authority to target the housing areas with high absentee rates. A survey is in the works for these areas. She is also reviewing transportation issues for those who live within the two-mile radius. Dr. Francis stated that she is planning to add more attendance officers soon.

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

- NBEA & Paraprofessional Level 4 Contracts

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes
Mr. Livramento – Yes

Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Atty. Clark – Yes
Dr. Finnerty – Yes

7 – Yeas

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At 9:08 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the special meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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