

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. LARKIN, MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MRS. BROWN, MRS. MOURAO, ATTY. SMITH

ABSENT: DR. FRANCIS, JUSTIN BRAGA (Stu. Rep.)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell. The Mayor indicated that this special meeting was called because the Committee needed to go into Executive Session to continue negotiations with Dr. Francis. He also stated that the Committee would be returning to Open Meeting to announce the status of negotiations with Dr. Francis and to discuss the issues concerning New Bedford Public Schools personnel.

A motion was made by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions and continued negotiations regarding Dr. Francis.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Livramento – Yes	
7 – Yeas	0 – Nays
	0 – Absent

At 7:25 P.M., the Committee returned to the Open Meeting.

Mayor Mitchell informed the public that Dr. Francis has agreed to retire from her position as Superintendent of Schools effective August 4, 2012. She will be taking her accrued vacation which shall commence on May 14, 2012 and conclude on August 3, 2012. In exchange for Dr. Francis' agreeing to retire as Superintendent, the Committee agreed to provide her with a severance package that will include fifteen months (65 weeks) salary and the full amount of accrued sick pay.

Mayor Mitchell announced that a search committee will be put in place under the direction of Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, Bridgewater University President. He also announced that an interim superintendent would be in place soon. This interim person could not be a candidate for the permanent position. He indicated that he has asked Michael Shea, retired Superintendent-Director at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, to fill the interim position. According to the Mayor, Mr. Shea said he was interested.

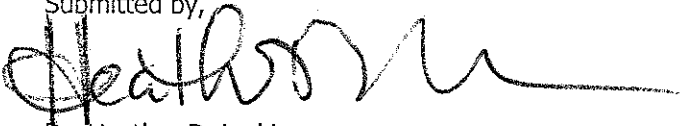
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnerty, to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the terms of the agreement with Mr. Shea to serve as Acting Superintendent until a new Superintendent is hired, subject to ratification.

The roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Mitchell – Yes	Dr. Fletcher – Yes
Ms. Pollock – Yes	Atty. Clark – Yes
Mr. Nobrega – Yes	Dr. Finnerty – Yes
Mr. Livramento – Yes	
7 – Yeas	0 – Nays
	0 – Absent

At 7:31 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Livramento and seconded by Ms. Pollock, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the special meeting.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Dr. Heather D. Larkin
Acting Superintendent,
Acting Secretary/School Committee

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