

**SPECIAL MEETING & BUDGET WORKING SESSION
OF THE
NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, MRS. USSACH, MR. NOBREGA, DR. FLETCHER, DR. FINNERTY, MS. POLLOCK

ABSENT: ATTY. CLARK

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, MRS. LARKIN, MR. OLIVEIRA, MS. COSTA, Ms. Bento (Recording secretary) , JUSTIN BRAGA (Student Representative)

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to take Item 4B1 out of order.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to approve the use of the Walsh field for the 2011 Whaling City Clippers season on July 23rd, 30th, August 13th, 20th, September 24th, October 1st, 8th, and 15th (Times TBA) and permission for a local non-profit organization (TBD) to sell food at the concessions stand; access to the ticket booth, PA booth, locker rooms and all necessary game-day equipment, with a waiver of rental fees contingent on the resolution that half of the funds be distributed to the Friends for New Bedford Athletics and other half to another group to be decided at a further time.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnery and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to accept donations from the following to support the Where are YOU Headed? Summer Basketball Clinics and Attendance Outreach: Tremblay's Bus: \$500, Fall River Ford: \$300, New Bedford Police Department: \$250, Committee to Elect Jon Mitchell for Mayor: \$100, Carter's Clothing: \$100, Moses, Smith & Markey: \$100, Philip David & Son Insurance: \$100, Sgt. Carney Elks Lodge: \$100, A Poetic Pulse: \$100, Pic-A-Deli: \$100, A-Line Home Improvements: \$100, Escape to Fitness: \$100, Family Chiropractic Center: \$100, Work Out World: \$100, Basketball Money: \$100, Fat Boy Tires: \$100, No Problemo: \$50, Jimmy's Hot Dogs: \$50, Celia's Restaurant: \$50, D&S Mini-Mart: \$50.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, for Jamie Camacho/Principal/Gomes to accept a donation of \$117.82 from Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

At this time there was a discussion regarding School Choice participation for the 2011/2012 school year. Dr. Francis informed the committee of her concerns regarding the special education portion of the School Choice option and how it may affect the district.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach to take school choice off the table.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Finnery to not open up the district to the school choice option for this school year.

At this time Mr. Oliveira gave an update to the budget and where the district stands in regards to balancing the budget for the 2011/2012 school year. Mr. Oliveira stated that to date there is still a \$3,724,043 budget shortfall. Ms. Pollock asked Mr. Oliveira about the cost savings from the photo cells already in place at some schools. Mr. Oliveira suggested the possible elimination of the Lincoln Shuttle bus to save some transportation costs. The mayor requested that Mr. Oliveira take another look over the budget and generate a list of different areas that can be cut in general expense as well as how many jobs may need to

be eliminated to balance the budget shortfall. Mr. Oliveira confirmed he would have this by the next meeting on June 23, 2011.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a recommendation made by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to suspend the discussion of the budget shortfall to the June 23, 2011 meeting.

Dr. Francis notified the School Committee that the Parker School Turnaround Plan was approved by the DESE and that a plan manager from Cambridge Education is to be working with the School Department to implement this plan.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Dr. Fletcher to go into executive session for the purpose of:

- Non-Union Contract
- Pending Contract

The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

MAYOR LANG-Yes
MR. NOBREGA-Yes
ATTY. CLARK- absent
DR. FINNERTY- Yes

MRS. USSACH- Yes
MS. POLLOCK- Yes
DR. FLETCHER- Yes

6- Yeas 0- Nays 1- Absent

At 10:02 P.M., on a motion by Mrs. Ussach, seconded by Dr. Finnery, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the regular session of the special meeting.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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