

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, MRS. LARKIN, DR. CARRIGO, MS. COSTA, MS. BENTO (Recording secretary) , JUSTIN BRAGA (Student Representative)

Dr. Francis introduced Dr. Danielle Carrigo as the new Assistant to the Superintendent for Equity, Diversity and Family Engagement.

Dr. Francis informed the School Committee of the projected \$3,411,289 shortfall in the budget that still needed to be resolved. Dr. Francis informed the Committee of ways in which shortfall could be eliminated, however still leaving five elementary teaching positions without funding at this time.

The School Committee members discussed the recommendations of Dr. Francis as well as other areas in which to possibly resolve the projected \$3,411,289 shortfall.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to not layoff the five elementary teaching positions.

The roll call vote was as follows:

MAYOR LANG-Yes	MRS. USSACH- Yes
MR. NOBREGA-Yes	MS. POLLOCK- Yes
ATTY. CLARK- Yes	DR. FLETCHER- Yes
DR. FINNERTY- Yes	

7-Yeas 0- Nays 0- Absent

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, reaffirming to hold the nineteen percent reduction in general expense.

The roll call vote was as follows:

MAYOR LANG-Yes	MRS. USSACH- Yes
MR. NOBREGA-Yes	MS. POLLOCK- Yes
ATTY. CLARK- Yes	DR. FLETCHER- Yes
DR. FINNERTY- Yes	

7-Yeas 0- Nays 0- Absent

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Atty. Clark to recess to executive session to discuss a Non-Union contract.

The roll call vote was as follows:

MAYOR LANG-Yes	MRS. USSACH- Yes
MR. NOBREGA-Yes	MS. POLLOCK- Yes
ATTY. CLARK- Yes	DR. FLETCHER- Yes
DR. FINNERTY- Yes	

7-Yeas

0- Nays

0- Absent

At 9:10 The School Committee returned from Executive Session.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Dr. Fletcher to appoint Ms. Deborah Brown as the new Business Manager.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

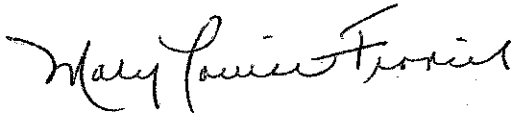
7-Yeas

0- Nays

0- Absent

At 9:21 PM, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn.

Submitted by,



Dr. Mary Louise Francis
Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee

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