GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 12, 2016
6:30 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Mr. Toomey, Chairman; Andrew Tillett, Vice Chairman; Mr. Durrigan; Mrs. Ribeiro, Mr. Shea; Atty. Walsh; Mr. Nobrega; Student Kendra Bento.

EXCUSED: Mr. Montigny.

1. It was the consensus of the committee to waive the reading of the notice of the meeting.

2. Mr. Toomey stated that as required under Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended in 1972 by the addition of Section 38N, "The School Committee of each city, town or regional school district shall hold a public hearing on its proposed annual budget not less than seven days after publication of a notice thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in such city, town or district to which such hearing may from time to time be adjourned, all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget, "therefore, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and as advertised in the Standard Times on April 4, 2016, this is a public hearing of the proposed Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District Operating & Capital Costs Budget for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

3. Mr. Toomey asked if any interested party wished to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget.

4. Mr. Toomey stated that as required under the Massachusetts School Choice Law contained in the Education Reform Act of 1993, "The School Committee of each city, town or regional school district shall hold a public hearing on School Choice not less than seven days after publication of a notice thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in such city, town or district to which such hearing may from time to time be adjourned, all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard for or against school choice," therefore, in accordance with Massachusetts School Laws and as advertised in the Standard Times on April 4, 2016, this is a public hearing on School Choice for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

5. Mr. Toomey asked if any interested party wished to be heard for or against School Choice.

6. On a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to close the public hearing.

   Yes – 7    No – 0

7. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to adopt the final operating and capital costs budget commencing July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of $37,869,314 which includes a transfer of $650,000 from E&D.

   Yes – 6    Abstain – 1 (Mr. Tillett)    No - 0
8. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the assessments to the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven as follows:

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<td>New Bedford</td>
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Yes – 6    Abstain – 1 (Mr. Tillett)    No – 0

9. Mr. Shea asked if there was any space for out of the district students to attend Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School.

10. Superintendent O’Brien informed that we are currently oversubscribed by students from within the district.

11. On a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted not to participate in School Choice for FY 2016/2017 due to being oversubscribed by applicants from within the district.

   Yes – 7    No – 0

12. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the minutes of the March 8 and March 28, 2016 meetings.

   Yes – 7    No – 0

13. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Nobrega, it was moved to approve and hold the minutes of the executive session until the matter has been completed.

   Yes – 7    No – 0

14. On a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of $788,663.52.

   Yes – 7    No – 0

15. Superintendent O’Brien explained, in depth, the Superintendent’s Report.

16. Student Kendra Bento explained, in depth, the Student Representative’s Report.

17. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to adopt the Social Networking Web Sites Policy and this be considered the second reading and adoption.

   Yes - 7    No - 0
On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to adopt the Physical Restraints of Students Policy with a change to the words of Board of Trustees to School District and this be considered the second reading and adoption.

Yes - 7    No – 0

On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability position with a full year work schedule.

Yes – 7    No – 0

Discussion was held on the election of officers.

It was the consensus of the Committee to follow the normal rotation of election of officers and therefore allowing Mr. Tillett to serve as Chairman for the 2016/17 school year.

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to authorize the Superintendent to participate in the New Superintendent Induction Program.

Yes – 7    No – 0

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to establish a student activity account for the Rachel’s Challenge Club.

Yes – 7    No - 0

On a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the following notifications of retirement:

1. George Sylvia effective June 3, 2016
2. Shirley Monteiro Tavares effective June 30, 2016

Yes – 7    No – 0

On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to appoint Mr. Tillett as the Voting Delegate and Atty. Walsh as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the MASC Joint Conference that will be held in November 2016.

Yes – 7    No – 0

On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Nobrega, it was moved to adjourn to executive session under chapter 30, section 21 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union and union personnel and that members will be returning to open session and may have news to report at that time.
A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Durrigan - Yes    Atty. Walsh - Yes
Mrs. Ribeiro - Yes    Mr. Nobrega - Yes
Mr. Tillett - Yes     Mr. Toomey - Yes
Mr. Shea - Yes

Yes – 7    No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

27. Returned to Regular Session at 7:40 p.m.

28. Mr. Toomey announced that Committee Members had granted a 2% cost of living increase for all staff and approved a successful contract for the Business Manager.

29. On a motion by Mr. Nobrega, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 7    No – 0

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee