

**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

May 12, 2020  
6:30 P.M.  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Mrs. Ribeiro, Chair; Mr. Durrigan, Vice-Chair; Mr. Toomey; Mr. Shea; Mr. Amaral; Atty. Walsh, Mr. Oliveira; Dr. Marland and student Corvens Depaliste.

1. Mrs. Ribeiro 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 ten 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 May 2, 2020, 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, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.
2. Mrs. Ribeiro asked if any interested party wished to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget.
3. Mrs. Ribeiro 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 ten 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 May 2, 2020, this is a public hearing on School Choice for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.
4. Mrs. Ribeiro asked if any interested party wished to be heard for or against School Choice.
5. On a motion by Mr. Amaral, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to close the public hearing.

Yes – 7      No – 0

6. It was the consensus of the Committee to waive the reading of the notice of the meeting.
7. The meeting was turned over to James O’Brien as Chairman pro-tem in order to proceed with the election of officers for the 2020/21 school year.
8. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to nominate Randall Durrigan of Fairhaven as Chairman.

Yes – 7      No – 0

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9. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to close nominations.  
Yes – 7      No – 0
10. The Regional District Committee voted for the Chairman.
11. Superintendent-Director O'Brien announced that Randall Durrigan was unanimously voted for the position of Chairman of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee.
12. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Amaral, it was moved to nominate Frederick Toomey of New Bedford as Vice-Chairman.  
Yes – 7      No – 0
13. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to close nominations.  
Yes – 7      No – 0
14. The Regional District Committee voted for the Vice-Chairman.
15. Superintendent-Director O'Brien announced that Frederick Toomey was unanimously voted for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee.
16. Randall Durrigan assumed Chairmanship.
17. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to appoint James O'Brien as Secretary to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee effective May 12, 2020 through April 30, 2021.  
Yes – 7      No – 0
18. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 14 and April 28, 2020 meetings with an amendment to the April 28 minutes to read "amended budget".  
Yes – 7      No – 0
19. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$284,542.67.  
Yes – 7      No – 0
20. Superintendent O'Brien and Principals Watt and Watson explained the May Artisan Report.
21. Student Corvens Depaliste brought Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body.

22. Dr. Marland arrived at 6:55 p.m.
23. Pamela Stuart explained the need to transfer funds from excess and deficiency to FY-2020/2021.
24. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to transfer \$400,000 from Excess and Deficiency to FY-2020/2021.

Yes - 8      No - 0

25. 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$43,783,643.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Amaral	-	Yes	Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes
Dr. Marland	-	Yes	Mr. Shea	-	Yes
Mr. Toomey	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Atty. Walsh	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes - 8      No - 0

26. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the assessments to the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven as follows:

Dartmouth	-	\$5,317,518
Fairhaven	-	1,969,375
New Bedford	-	5,877,970

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Amaral	-	Yes	Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes
Dr. Marland	-	Yes	Mr. Shea	-	Yes
Mr. Toomey	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Atty. Walsh	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes - 8      No - 0

27. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Amaral, it was voted not to participate in School Choice for FY-2020/2021 due to being oversubscribed by applicants from within the district.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Amaral	-	Yes	Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes
Dr. Marland	-	Yes	Mr. Shea	-	Yes
Mr. Toomey	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Atty. Walsh	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes - 8      No - 0

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28. Pamela Stuart explained the need to establish a Regional Transportation Reimbursement Fund.

29. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to establish a Regional Transportation Reimbursement Fund.

Yes – 8      No – 0

30. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Amaral, it was moved to approve the movement of the Student Handbook to an online format for the 2020/21 school year as requested.

Yes – 8      No – 0

31. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to approve the vacation rollover policy as presented.

Yes 8      No – 0

32. Discussion was held on the NEASC Decennial Visit Report. Superintendent O'Brien explained that the District has already begun to work on some of the recommendations made by the NEASC visiting team.

33. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the NEASC Decennial Visit Report.

Yes – 8      No – 0

34. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications:

1. Letters to Families
2. Guidance on Faculty & Staff Evaluations

Yes – 8      No – 0

35. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the teachers' union and to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel. Members will not be returning to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Amaral	-	Yes	Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes
Dr. Marland	-	Yes	Mr. Shea	-	Yes
Mr. Toomey	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Atty. Walsh	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes – 8      No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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36. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 8

No – 0

Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee