

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 8, 2020
6:30 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Mr. Durrigan, Chairman; Mr. Toomey, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Ribeiro; Dr. Marland; Mr. Shea; Atty. Walsh; Mr. Oliveira; Ethan Mouri.

1. The meeting was held via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. Mr. Durrigan informed that all public comments had been received, reviewed and considered by the Committee.
3. Members of the GNBEU Executive Board introduced themselves to the Committee. GNBEU Executive Board Members included Heather Pimental, Serge Moniz, Kellie Martin, Kelly Haggerty, Cathy Chace and Shannon Maguire.
4. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 10 and November 21, 2020 meetings.

Yes – 7 No – 0
5. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to approve and hold the minutes of the executive session until the matter is completed.

Yes – 7 No – 0
6. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,060,987.68.

Yes – 7 No – 0
7. Principal Watson explained the parent communications and the possip surveys. He informed that the parent letters continue to go out every week. The surveys go out every other Friday night and show an increase in parent participation and positive feedback.
8. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the Parent Communications and the Possip Surveys.

Yes – 7 No – 0
9. Zeb Arruda explained the facility management projects taking place throughout the building and grounds: Kearsarge Net Metering Project, Covid cleaning efforts, new garage, practice field, plasma cutter in welding, new plantings outside of main entrance, school store, batting cages, single occupancy bathroom, athletic storage area.
10. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the update on the Facility Management Projects.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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11. Zeb Arruda informed that the Facilities Maintenance Shutdown will take place at the end of June or beginning of July due to Covid and the supplies being manufactured out of the country. The project was originally scheduled for April 2021.

12. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to receive and place on file the Report on the Facilities Maintenance Shutdown.

Yes – 7 No – 0

13. Ryan Methia brought Members up to date on the Athletic Winter Sports. He explained which sports were considered low, moderate or high risk. He informed that winter track was not approved for this year. He also informed that locker rooms were closed and athletes report to practice already dressed, there would be no cheerleaders at games, concession stands would be closed and athletes must wear masks while playing sports.

14. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the Report on the Athletic Winter Sports.

Yes – 7 No - 0

15. Superintendent O'Brien explained the November Attendance Report. He informed that the high attendance was due to staff having to self-isolate.

16. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the November Attendance Report.

Yes – 7 No – 0

17. Superintendent O'Brien, Principal Watt and Principal Watson explained the December Artisan Report.

18. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the December Artisan Report.

Yes – 7 No – 0

19. Student Ethan Mouri brought Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. He informed that 100 students had signed up for different virtual clubs. Mental Health Clubs have been opened up to staff to participate. Spirit weeks is being discussed.

20. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the Student Representative's Report.

Yes – 7 No – 0

21. Discussion was held on the Increases to Substitute and Cafeteria Worker Salary Scales.

22. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the Increase to Substitute and Cafeteria Worker Salary Scales as submitted.

Yes – 7 No – 0

23. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications:

1. Adele G. Sands, Superintendent – Bristol County Agricultural School – November 19, 2020
2. Donation – Walter A. Furman

Yes – 7 No – 0

24. Mr. Shea thanked Kristine Silva for her communication and also thanked the GNBEU Executive Board Members for coming to the meeting and introducing themselves to the District Committee.

25. 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 pending litigation and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the teachers' union. Members will not be returning to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

26. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes - 7 No – 0

Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee