

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 9, 2021
6:30 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

1. The meeting was held via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. Mr. Durrigan informed that there were no public comments submitted.
3. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0
5. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$630,953.30.

Yes – 7 No – 0
6. Principal Watson explained that the parent communications and possip surveys continue to be positive and that Sharon Pinho continues to call parents with questions.
7. On a motion by Atty. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the Parent Communications and the Possip Surveys.

Yes – 7 No – 0
8. Superintendent O’Brien explained the February Attendance Report. He informed that the attendance is getting better and moving in a positive direction.
9. Mrs. Ribeiro stated that the absences were higher on Fridays.
10. On a motion by Atty. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the February Attendance Report.

Yes – 7 No – 0
11. Superintendent O’Brien, Principal Watt and Principal Watson explained the March Artisan Report.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0
13. Student Ethan Mouri brought Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. He informed that the freshman, sophomore and junior students were holding class fundraisers. There is a food drive taking place on April 22nd. and a toy drive to benefit local middle school students who are suffering from stress related illnesses.
14. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the Student Representative’s Report.

Yes – 7 No – 0
15. Principal Watson informed that sophomores, juniors and seniors have returned to full CVTE classes. On March 29th students will return to six period academic classes but they will still be held remotely. We will hear from the Commissioner in April as to when high schools will fully re-open.
16. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the Update on the Student Re-entry Plan.

Yes – 7 No – 0
17. Principal Watson informed that May 4th through June 4th would be the timeframe for the MCAS test administration. Work has been done in advance to prepare for the test.
18. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was it was moved to receive and place on file the update on MCAS Testing Assessments.

Yes – 7 No – 0
19. Principal Watson explained his Superintendent’s Transition Plan. He informed of his meetings with the District School Committee and the Administrators. He informed that letters would be going out to community members at the end of the week. His plan is to listen and learn from all of the stakeholders.
20. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the Superintendent’s Transition Plan.

Yes - 7 No – 0
21. Principal Watson explained that football and soccer are underway. He stated that it is encouraging to see the athletes on the field.

22. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to receive and place on file the Update on the Fall II Season.

Yes - 7 No - 0

23. Discussion was held on the surplus equipment.

24. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to designate the equipment as surplus.

Yes - 7 No - 0

25. Maciel Pais informed that the P.R. Team and the Media Technology students had updated the school's web page. A video was created for the incoming freshman. A virtual tour of the inside of the school was also created and placed on the web page.

26. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications and that an appropriate letter of appreciation be sent to the donor:

1. Donation from Southcoast Hospital Group

Yes - 7 No - 0

27. 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 union and non-union personnel. Members will 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 7:20 p.m.

28. Members returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

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29. Mr. Durrigan announced that the District Committee voted to approve a 2% cost of living increase for

all

non-union full-time staff and also for the employees represented by the Teamster Union Local #59 retroactive to July 1, 2020.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

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

Yes - 6 No – 0

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee