

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 12, 2021

6:30 P.M.

New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Mr. Toomey, Chairman; Dr. Marland, Vice-Chair; Mr. Durrigan; Atty. Walsh; Mr. Shea;
Student Sarah Lopes.

ABSENT: Mr. Oliveira; Mrs. Ribeiro.

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. Mrs. Fredette informed that there was one public comment submitted from Ms. Andrea Lomba, Executive Director of the United Interfaith Action.
3. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, August 19 and September 14, 2021 meetings.
Yes – 5 No – 0
4. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to approve and hold the minutes of the executive sessions until the matters have been completed.
Yes – 5 No – 0
5. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$810,785.22.
Yes – 5 No – 0
6. Zeb Arruda brought Members up to date on the projects that have been completed throughout the building.
7. Helder Angelo explained the MCAS report.
8. Superintendent Watson commended Janet Stanton for all of her help organizing the classroom coverage on a daily basis.
9. Superintendent Watson presented the Superintendent's Weekly Report that is sent out to the staff.
10. Robert Watt brought Members up to date on the Advisory Dinner Meeting and NEASC.
11. Principal Williams presented the Artisan Report.
12. Student Sarah Lopes brought Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She informed that there would be a Hawaiian themed homecoming dance, a pep rally and 2 spirit weeks (one for each division), a Wreaths Across America event, 2 Honor Society Induction Ceremonies (one for last year's students and one for this year's students) and football players had presented their jerseys to teachers that had made a difference in their lives.

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13. Discussion was held on changing the name of the school store.
14. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to change the school store name to “The Den”.
- Yes – 5 No – 0
15. Discussion was on the LPN position.
16. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to approve the eighteen-month grant funded LPN position.
- Yes – 5 No – 0
17. Superintendent Watson explained the need for the changes in the job titles.
18. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to approve the changes in the job descriptions and titles as submitted.
- Yes – 5 No - 0
19. Discussion was held on the substitute pay scale.
20. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve an increase to the substitute pay rates to \$120 per day effective November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- Yes - 5 No - 0
21. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to designate equipment as surplus.
- Yes – 5 No – 0
22. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the early notifications of retirement as follows:
1. Leonard Gauvin effective August 13, 2022.
 2. Michael Cabral effective November 1, 2022.
- Yes – 5 No – 0
23. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications:
1. Katie Murphy, Massachusetts Nurses Association – September 22, 2021
 2. Treasurer’s Report – October 5, 2021
- Yes – 5 No – 0

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24. Dr. Marland informed that she has received positive feedback from the community on the gazebo that GNBVT students built for the Town of Dartmouth.
25. Leaders of United Interfaith Action of Southeastern MA addressed the District Committee with their concerns regarding the admissions policy. Superintendent Watson and Principal Williams will meet with the group leaders within the next 10 days.
26. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the GNBEU, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the GNBAU and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate related to the expansion of the school facilities as the Chair has determined that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the committee. Members will not be returning to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey	-	Yes
Atty. Walsh	-	Yes			

Yes – 5 No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

27. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 5 No – 0

Adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee