

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

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

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

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. Mrs. Fredette informed that there were no public comments.
3. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting.

Yes – 8 No – 0
4. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Marland, it was moved to approve and hold the minutes of the executive sessions until the matters have been completed.

Yes – 8 No – 0
5. Andrew Lima of Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C. presented the Auditor’s Reports.
6. Discussion was held on the renewing the auditor’s contract.
7. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to follow the recommendation of the Administration and renew the three-year auditor’s contract with Hague, Sahady & Co., P.C.

Yes – 8 No – 0
8. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$851,480.10.

Yes – 8 No – 0
9. Superintendent Watson commended Jennifer Carreiro for all of her help opening up the school store.
10. Superintendent Watson explained the possip surveys.
11. Superintendent Watson presented the Superintendent’s Weekly Report that is sent out to the staff.
12. Superintendent Watson explained the new electronic evaluation system.
13. Superintendent Watson explained the professional development survey results.
14. Mrs. Ribeiro commended Superintendent Watson for his efforts in engaging the Academic and CVTE Teachers.

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15. Mr. Shea commended the administration and staff on their efforts on behalf of the students.
16. Mr. Watt explained the Advisory Meeting Survey Results. He informed that the next meeting will be on April 6, 2022.
17. Principal Williams presented the Artisan Report.
18. Student Sarah Lopes brought Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She informed about the homecoming dance, pep rally, games on the field, wreaths across America event, national honor society induction and the open house.
19. Discussion was held on Family Engagement Specialist position. Superintendent Watson explained that the position will be grant funded and he is confident that the position can be funded by the District past 2024.
20. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to approve a Family Engagement Specialist position.

Yes – 8 No – 0

21. Atty. Walsh was excused at 7:40 p.m.
22. Dr. Larkin explained the Admissions Policy.
23. Mr. Shea informed that he supports the new admissions policy.
24. Ms. Bettencourt informed that she would like to see more students in the lottery.
25. On a motion by Mr. Oliveira, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to move the Admissions Policy forward to December for adoption.

Yes – 6 No – 1 (Ms. Bettencourt)

26. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the early notification of retirement as follows:

1. Rick Avila effective December 16, 2022.

Yes – 7 No – 0

27. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the notifications of resignation as follows:

1. Andrew Januse effective October 29, 2021
2. Olivia Horsley effective October 29, 2021

Yes - 7 No – 0

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28. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communication:

1. SouthCoast Today – October 22, 2021

Yes – 7 No – 0

29. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, 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	Mrs. Ribeiro -	Yes
Mr. Shea -	Yes	Dr. Marland -	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	Yes	Mr. Toomey -	Yes
Mr. Oliveira -	Yes		

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee