

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

January 11, 2022  
6:30 P.M.  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

EXCUSED: Mr. Toomey, Chairman.

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. There were no public comments submitted.
3. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
4. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to approve and hold the minutes of the executive session until the matter has been completed.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
5. On a motion by Atty. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$502,040.62.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
6. Superintendent Watson commended all staff and students for attending school during this virus. He also commended the nurses for working tirelessly to help the students and staff.
7. Mr. Shea concurs with Superintendent Watson. He also commended all staff including the custodians and technicians for their efforts during these continued difficult times.
8. Superintendent Watson explained the possip pulse checks. He explained that participation is not as good as it could be. He would like to see more parents participate. He informed that the family engagement specialist will be working on reaching out to parents. He will be looking into reaching out to the special populations.
9. Superintendent Watson presented the Superintendent’s Weekly Report that is sent out to the staff. He informed that he is getting positive feedback from staff.
10. Principal Williams explained the Artisan Report. He acknowledged the administrators, teachers and nurses for their efforts.
11. Mr. Shea stated that he appreciates the data in the report and that it’s great to see the work that is being done to help the students succeed.

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12. Student Sarah Lopes brought Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She informed about the wreaths across America event and that the class of 2022 officers met to discuss yearbooks. Two students participated in the VFW essay contest on how they can better America. Student Keely Clapp placed second in the VFW essay contest and received a scholarship. Senior students are currently applying for scholarships. Students are preparing for the SkillsUSA competition.
13. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the 2021 Annual Report as submitted.  
  
Yes – 7          No – 0
14. Mr. Shea commended the team that prepared the annual report.
15. Pamela Stuart explained the need to transfer funds. She explained that the funds were being held in a holding spot until two positions were filled. The positions are being funded by the Student Opportunity Act and will not have an effect on the budget.
16. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve the transfer of funds as submitted.  
  
Yes – 7          No – 0
17. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to designate equipment as surplus.  
  
Yes – 7          No – 0
18. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the early notification of retirement as follows:
  1. Lori Lima effective January 1, 2023.  
Yes – 7          No – 0
19. Mr. Shea informed that he and Dr. Marland had met with the Dartmouth School Committee in regards to GNBVT's admissions policy. He informed that they were very pleased with the changes that have been made to the policy. Mr. Shea and Dr. Marland will meet with the Dartmouth School Committee at least two times per year.
20. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, 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 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.

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A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7      No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

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

Yes – 7      No – 0

Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee