

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 13, 2022
6:30 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Dr. Marland, Chair; Ms. Bettencourt; Vice-Chair; Mr. Shea; Mrs. Ribeiro; Mr. Oliveira;
Mr. Durrigan; Mr. Toomey. Student Elijah Gonsalves.

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. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0
5. Mr. Guy Shepperd and Ms. Susan Harrison explained the idea of students and staff chaperones traveling on an educational trip to Costa Rica in February 2024.
6. Discussion was had on holding a parent night to inform parents of the trip to Costa Rica and to find out if there is an interest from the parents and students.
7. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to authorize Ms. Harrison to hold a parent night to find out the interest of parents and students and to report back to the Committee with the results.

Yes – 7 No - 0
8. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$913,069.40.

Yes – 7 No – 0
9. Superintendent Watson recognized Meghan Lacasse for her extensive work on literacy and how students have been impacted.
10. Superintendent Watson informed that Family Engagement continues to contact families regarding any concerns that they may have.

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11. Principal Williams explained the December Artisan Report.
12. Superintendent Watson presented the Superintendents Weekly Update that were sent to staff.
13. Elijah Gonsalves explained his student representative's report. He informed that the students were able to enjoy a bonfire in November, a crispy cream donut fundraiser was held for the class of 2024, the Talent Show would be held on 12/16, Mr. & Mrs. Voc-Tech event is being put together, this week is spirit week, there will be a pep rally in January and in the Spring. Students are working with Mr. Pais to build a student's social media. Student Advisory met with the Superintendent in November.
14. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to ratify the contract between Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District and the Teamsters Union Local #59.

Yes – 7 No – 0

15. Superintendent Watson explained the 2022/23 Admissions Policy.
16. Discussion was held on the criteria for admissions.
17. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to adopt the Admissions Policy for the 2022/23 school year.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. Bettencourt	-	No	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey	-	Yes
Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Oliveira	-	No			

Yes – 5 No – 2

18. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to transfer the balances from inactive student activity accounts as submitted.
19. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve the new substitute nurse pay rate of \$40.00/hr. as submitted.
20. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to designate equipment as surplus.

Yes – 7 No – 0

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21. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to receive and place on file the following notifications of resignation:

1. Matthew Lotito effective December 2022
2. Patrick Couto effective December 1, 2022

Yes – 7 No - 0

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

1. Communication to Martin Driving School – December 13, 2022

Yes – 7 No – 0

23. Ms. Bettencourt informed that she and the superintendent had a zoom meeting with staff regarding the parental leave. Superintendent Watson informed that he will continue the conversation with union leadership.

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

Yes – 7 No - 0

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee