

# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 14, 2023  
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. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 meeting.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
4. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, 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. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,092,123.79.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
6. Lori Russell-Pelsue and SkillsUSA students explained the events that take place at the Skills Leadership Conference and at the SAIL Conference.
7. Superintendent Watson recognized Andrea Kolp and the cafeteria staff for working hard to meet the needs of the students.
8. Superintendent Watson informed that Family Engagement are returning all calls and also forwarding the information to the respective departments.
9. Principal Williams explained the February Artisan Report.
10. Superintendent Watson presented the Superintendents Weekly Update that were sent to staff.
11. Elijah Gonsalves informed that it was Black History Month. Frederick Douglas was recognized this week. There will be a Pep Rally on March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Fling Dance will be on March 11, the School Play will be on May 6, May 7 and May 8. The students conducted a lunch survey. The Class of 2023 will be having a cookout this year.
12. Superintendent Watson explained the Summer School Teacher Pay Rate. Certified teachers will be paid a rate of \$45/hr. and non-certified teachers will be paid a rate of \$40/hr.

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13. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the Summer School Teacher Pay Rate as follows:

1. Certified teachers will be paid a rate of \$45/hr.
2. Non-certified teachers will be paid a rate of \$40/hr.

Yes – 7      No – 0

14. Pamela Stuart read the list of proprietary specifications for the Health Center & Culinary Lab Renovations.

15. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to approve the list of proprietary specifications for the Health Center & Culinary Lab Renovations.

Yes – 7      No – 0

16. Discussion was held on the Costa Rica Trip. Mr. Toomey and Mr. Oliveira inquired as to why a vote of the Committee was required where the trip was not school sponsored. Ms. Bettencourt informed that the Committee would need to wait to hear from the district's legal counsel whether or not it needs a vote of the committee before making a final decision.

17. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve the Out of State Travel for the Visual Design students to travel to the Rhode Island School of Design Museum.

Yes – 7      No – 0

18. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to designate equipment as surplus.

Yes – 7      No – 0

19. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the early notifications of retirement as follows:

1. James Koska effective February 2, 2024
2. Joseph Soroka effective February 7, 2024

Yes – 7      No – 0

20. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communication:

1. Treasurer's Report

Yes – 7      No – 0

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21. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to negotiations with non-union personnel as the Chair has determined that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the committee. Members will be returning to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7      No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

22. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to approve a 2% cost of living increase for non-union personnel for FY24.

Yes – 7      No - 0

23. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve a 6-step non-union security pay scale.

Yes – 7      No – 0

24. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve a four-year contract for the Business Manager commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027.

Yes – 7      No – 0

25. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to amend the Superintendent's current contract and extend it for an additional four years commencing July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029.

Yes – 7      No – 0

26. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 7      No – 0

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee