

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 14, 2023
5:45 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, 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 and to discuss the open meeting law complaint filed by Patrick Higgins and Associates 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	-	Mr. Toomey	-	Yes
Mr. Oliveira	-	Dr. Marland	-	Yes

Yes – 6 No – 0

Returned to regular session at 6:20 p.m.

3. There were two public comments submitted. Ms. Kristy Acevedo praising Ryan Sylvia for his work in the local history course and Ms. Kristine Silva informing of the needs for additional teaching assistants, custodial staff and security staff.
4. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting.

Yes – 6 No – 0
5. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve and hold the minutes of the executive session until the matter has been completed.

Yes – 6 No – 0
6. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$745,705.81.

Yes – 6 No – 0
7. Superintendent Watson recognized the Early Childhood Program Teachers for their work with the students and with the community. He also recognized the school nursing staff for their help in the transition into the new health center.

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8. Cathie Rebelo, Director of CVTE Programs, explained the report on freshman exploratory. She informed that the data has been shared with the teachers.
9. Superintendent Watson informed that Family Engagement are continuing to return all calls and also forward the information to the respective departments.
10. Principal Williams explained the March Artisan Report.
11. Superintendent Watson presented the Superintendents Weekly Update that were sent to staff.
12. Elijah Gonsalves informed that winter sports have ended. The 1st Pep Rally took place on Friday, March 10th. The SkillsUSA competition was held at the school on March 11th. BPA will be going to Nationals. Mr. Voc-Tech will be held on March 18th.
13. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve the 2023/24 School Calendar.

Yes – 6 No – 0
14. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve the new job descriptions as follows:
 - Executive Director of Student Services
 - Dean of Admissions and Exploratory
 - Guidance Department Coordinator
 - Student Services Coordinator
 - Facility Management Coordinator
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Specialist
Yes – 6 No - 0
15. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to approve the letter to South Coast Improvement Company confirming the bid award for the Health Center and Culinary renovations.

Yes – 6 No – 0
16. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to receive and place on file the early notification of retirement of Peter Scott effective February 20, 2024.

Yes – 6 No – 0
17. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to receive and place on file the notification of resignation of Kathleen Martins effective March 6, 2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0

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

1. Office of the City Council, City of New Bedford – February 3, 2023

Yes – 6 No – 0

19. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 6 No – 0

Adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee