

# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 13, 2023  
5:45 P.M.  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

REMOTE PARTICIPATION: Mrs. Ribeiro.

EXCUSED: Ms. Pimentel; Mr. Shea.

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. Superintendent Watson informed that the Committee would not be adjourning to executive session as the GNBEU – Unit A Step 3 Grievance has been rescheduled to the next meeting.
3. Mrs. Fredette informed that there were no public comments submitted.
4. Elijah Gonsalves introduced Nia Rodrigues as the new student representative.
5. District Committee Members welcomed student Nia Rodrigues.
6. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6      No – 0

7. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$921,579.53.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6      No – 0

8. Superintendent Watson expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Yolanda Dennis and Erin Ptaszenski for the additional roles that they accepted last summer. Ms. Dennis oversaw the incoming freshman admissions process and Mrs. Ptaszenski served as the interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

9. Ms. Bettencourt inquired if a stipend would be appropriate to compensate the two individuals for the additional responsibilities that they accepted on behalf of the District.
10. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to approve a stipend for the two individuals.
11. Ms. Bettencourt suggested a stipend of \$5,000 for each individual for the year.
12. Mr. Durrigan inquired if there was funding in the budget for the stipends.
13. Pamela Stuart informed that there was funding available to cover the two stipends.
14. Dr. Marland inquired if there was a line for other stipend positions.
15. Pamela Stuart informed that there was a line for stipends for student activity advisors.
16. Dr, Marland inquired if this was in line with other stipends.
17. Pamela Stuart confirmed that these stipends were in line with other stipends.
18. Superintendent Watson explained that these additional responsibilities were just for this year. There are new positions in place for the upcoming year that will absorb these responsibilities. This is a one-time stipend.
19. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to approve a stipend of \$5,000 for Yolanda Dennis and Erin Ptaszenski for the additional responsibilities that they accepted during the 2022/23 school year.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

20. Yolanda Dennis and Veronica Arruda explained, in depth, the FEC End of the Year Report. They informed that information is translated in Spanish and Portuguese. They have added a QR code to promotional items that can be scanned and the individual is brought to the FEC section for important information.
21. Mr. Toomey inquired as to what kind of reception she received from the agencies that were visited.
22. Veronica Arruda informed that it was positive. Everyone was happy to see the programs that are available for students.

23. Yolanda Dennis explained that quite a few grandparents are raising their grandchildren. She is hoping to connect with organizations that can help both the grandparents and the grandchildren.
24. The new School Video was presented.
25. Superintendent Watson thanked all of the individuals that worked to create the video.
26. Superintendent Watson explained the possip checks. As the comments come in, FEC calls the individuals and forwards the information to the respective department.
27. Principal Williams presented the Artisan Report.
28. Elijah Gonsalves presented a recap of all of the events that took place throughout the school year.
29. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to adopt the 2023/24 Student Handbook and this be considered the second reading and adoption.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

30. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to appoint Mr. Bruce Oliveira to the position of Treasurer.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

31. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to appoint Mr. Frederick Toomey to the position of Assistant Treasurer.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 5          No – 0          Abstain – 1 (Mr. Toomey)

32. Discussion was held on the Standing Sub-Committees.

33. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to keep the memberships for the 2023/24 Standing Sub-Committees the same as the previous year.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

34. Ms. Bettencourt presented the superintendent's evaluation. She explained the following ratings:

- Professional Practice Goal - Met
- District Improvement Goal - Exceeded
- Instructional Leadership - Proficient
- Management & Operations - Exemplary
- Family & Community Engage.- Proficient
- Professional Culture - Proficient
- Overall Rating - Proficient

35. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved approve the superintendent's evaluation as presented.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

36. Superintendent Watson explained the need for an Instructional Support Coach position and salary rate. He informed that the position would be funded by the ESSER III Grant.

37. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve an Instructional Support Coach position and salary rate as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

38. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to designate equipment as surplus.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

39. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to receive and place on file the following early notifications of retirement:

1. Peter Saba effective the end of the 2023/24 school year.
2. Brenda Carvalho effective the end of June 2024.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

40. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to receive and place on file the notification of resignation of Karri Rossi effective June 16, 2023.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

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

1. Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, P.C. – May 16, 2023.
2. Communication to RAD Sports – June 1, 2023.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

42. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6          No – 0

Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee