

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 9, 2024

6:30 P.M.

New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Ms. Bettencourt, Chair; Mr. Oliveira, Vice-Chair; Ms. Pimentel; Mr. Shea; Dr. Marland; Mrs. Ribeiro; Mr. Durrigan; Mr. Toomey (remote); Student Nia Rodrigues

1. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to suspend the open meeting to attend executive session and return to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimentel	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes – 8 No – 0

2. The meeting returned to open session at 7:22 pm.
3. Ms. Stuart informed that the district was unaware of any public comments.
4. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting, with one correction to the Executive Session that Ms. Pimental abstained from the vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimental	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes – 8 No - 0

5. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Ms. Pimental, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$691,011.24.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimental	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

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6. Student Nia Rodrigues provided the committee with the student activity updates for the month of December and upcoming for January.
7. Ms. Yolanda Dennis, Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Family Engagement, presented an overview of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work done within the District.
8. Mr. Maciel Pais, Informational Technology and Digital Learning Director, presented an overview of the Technology upgrades within the District.
9. Superintendent Watson explained the Superintendent Shout Out and commended the School Adjustment Counselors, Teachers, Faculty and Staff for the difficult week supporting students and each other.
10. Superintendent Watson updated the Committee with the Parent Communication with Possip and those questions and concerns are being handled by Ms. Dennis.
11. Principal Williams presented the Artisan report. This month the report highlighted the areas of Math, Social Studies, Academies C and D, the Cooperative Education department and Guidance.
12. Superintendent Watson updated the Committee with his weekly newsletters for all staff that are sent every Monday morning.
13. Mr. Bruce Oliveira, District Treasurer, provided information to the Committee of the new IntraFi program offered by BayCoast Bank for the District to earn additional revenue.
14. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to receive and place on file the 2023 Annual Report for the District.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimental	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes – 8 No – 0

15. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to restructure the job title and job descriptions for the Director of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Family Engagement and the Informational Technology and Digital Learning Director to Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Compliance and Executive Director of Operations, Technology and Digital Learning.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimental	-	Abstain	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

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16. Ms. Bettencourt explained that the School Committee sub-committees would remain the same unless any member would like to update their current roles.
17. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications:
1. General Advisory Committee Meeting - January 30, 2024
 2. SMEC Annual Report
 3. Communication to Tremblay Bus Co.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimental	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

Yes – 8 No – 0

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

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Ms. Pimental	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey (remote)	-	Yes
Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes

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Adjourned 8:44 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee