

# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 13, 2025  
6:00 P.M.  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Ms. Pimentel, Vice-Chair; Ms. Bettencourt; Mr. Shea; Dr. Marland; Mr. Kitchen.

EXCUSED: Mr. Oliveira, Chair; Mrs. Ribeiro.

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Fredette informed that there were no public comments submitted.

3. **READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 8 and April 29, 2025 meetings.

Yes – 6      No – 0

4. Superintendent Watson welcomed Ms. Karen Treadup to the District School Committee. Ms. Treadup represents the City of New Bedford.

5. **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Marland, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in amount of \$1,407,761.47.

Yes – 6      No – 0

6. **SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:**

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” expressed his appreciation of Laura McLean for her contribution to the Macbeth play along with the English department’s work on trying to bring some of their work to live theater for the students to enjoy.

7. **ARTISAN REPORT:**

Principal Williams explained this month’s artisan report. This month, the artisan report centered around our English department in academics highlighting activities utilized in the classrooms. In our Voc-Tech classrooms, Academy C was highlighted with classwork done in Automotive, Business Technology, Collision Technology, Cosmetology, Diesel Technology, Information Technology, and Marine Technology. Overall, the report focused on the classroom efforts of our teachers.

**8. PARENT COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendent Watson informed that the possip surveys include feedback that we're getting from parents. The reports are run bi-weekly by grade. The District will be using the ThoughtExchange platform around parent night.

**9. MULTICULTURAL WEEK PRESENTATION:**

Yolanda Dennis gave a presentation on Multicultural Week. She informed that April was diversity month, and multi-cultural week was held during the week of April 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed multicultural music in different languages, local artists were brought in, African American drummers from Providence, RI showed the students how to play the drums, Wampanoag tribe dancers and singe came in on the last day and performed for the juniors and seniors.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATES:**

Superintendent Watson updated the Committee with his weekly newsletters to all staff. The newsletters are sent every Monday morning to all faculty and staff and highlight the events taking place on a weekly basis.

**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

Superintendent Watson explained that due to Covid there are employees who have vacation days above the cap and using the days by June 30 will have a significant impact on the District.

Discussion was held on carrying over the amount of vacation days that is allowed under their contract over to the next year and cashing out the number of days over the cap amount.

On a motion by Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to give said employees the option to use their overage or cash out by June 30.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. Bettencourt	- Yes	Mr. Kitchen	- Yes
Mr. Shea	- Yes	Ms. Treadup	- Yes
Dr. Marland	- Yes	Ms. Pimentel	- Yes

Yes – 6      No – 0

**12. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Mr. Shea, Ms. Bettencourt and Mr. Oliveira will serve on the sub-committee. It was the consensus of the sub-committee to meet on May 29 at 3:00 p.m.

**13. VOTE TO TRANSFER TO THE TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FUND:**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it voted to transfer to the transportation reimbursement fund based on time and effort of unexpenditures not to exceed the Chapter 71 reimbursement amount.

Yes – 5      No – 1

**14. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to designate the following equipment as surplus:

Description of Item	Dimensions of Equipment	Serial # (if applicable)	Equipment Issues (if applicable)	Age of Equip.
Welding Simulator "Realityworks-2014	9x18x7"	VR300209	OUTDATED	10
Welding Simulator "Realityworks-2014	9x18x7"	VR300210	OUTDATED	10
Welding Simulator "Realityworks-2014	9x18x7"	VR300211	OUTDATED	10
Welding Simulator "Realityworks-2014	9x18x7"	VR300212	OUTDATED	10
Welding Simulator "Realityworks-2014	9x18x7"	VR300213	OUTDATED	10
64 10LB CANS OF WELDING ELECTRODES, 11018-5/32	10LBS	NA	MOISTURE DAMAGED	1980
Miller 252 mig welder	roll around	907322	broken drive roll housing	2008
Miller 212 mig welder	roll around	907405	failed transformer	2008

Yes – 6      No – 0

**15. REPORT ON PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, RETIREMENTS OR RESIGNATIONS**

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was moved to receive and place on file the following early notifications of retirement:

1. Paul Coelho effective June 30, 2026
2. Tracy Teixeira effective June 30, 2026

Yes – 6      No – 0

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was moved to receive and place on file the notification of resignation of Nicholas Henner effective April 15, 2025.

Yes – 6      No – 0

**16. INFORMATIONAL:**

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications:

1. Treasurer's Report – April 28, 2025
2. Senior Awards Night – Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
3. Senior Prom / After Prom Party – Thursday, May 22, 2025

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4. Graduation – Friday, June 6, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
5. Last Day of School – June 16, 2025
6. Donations from Lawrence Lynch Corp. – May 1, 2025
7. Donation from Richard Porteus – May 9, 2025

Yes – 6      No – 0

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 6      No – 0

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee