

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Mr. Oliveira, Chair; Ms. Pimentel, Vice-Chair; Mr. Shea; Mrs. Ribeiro; Dr. Marland;
Mr. Kitchen; Ms. Treadup.

EXCUSED: Ms. Bettencourt.

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

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 30 SECTION 21:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Marland, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to meet for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with the Teamsters Union Local #59 and the GNBEU where discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee. Members will be returning to open session.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. Pimentel	-	Yes	Mr. Kitchen	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Ms. Treadup	-	Yes
Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes
Dr. Marland	-	Yes			

Yes – 7 No – 0

Returned to regular session at 6:40 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to nominate Ms. Carol Pimentel as the Chairperson of the School Committee.

Yes – 7 No – 0

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Dr. Marland, it was moved to nominate Mr. Michael Shea as the Vice-Chair of the School Committee.

Yes – 7 No – 0

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was voted to appoint Superintendent Michael Watson as Secretary to the Regional District Committee effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Yes – 7 No – 0

5. READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting.

Yes – 7 No – 0

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Dr. Marland, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$913,943.72.

Yes – 7 No – 0

7. STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2025 PROGRESS REPORT 3:

Superintendent Watson explained, in depth, the Strategic Plan 2024-2025 Progress Report 3.

8. UPDATE ON ADMISSIONS:

Superintendent Watson explained, in depth, the proposed amendments to regulations on vocational technical education.

9. SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” expressed his appreciation for the entire Team that worked to make our graduation exercises a huge success.

10. ARTISAN REPORT:

Principal Williams explained this month’s artisan report. This month, the artisan report centered around our Math, Social Studies and Science departments in academics highlighting activities utilized in the classrooms. In our Voc-Tech classrooms, Academy D was highlighted with classwork done in Architectural & Mechanical Design, Engineering & Robotics, Metal Fabricating & Joining, Stationary Engineering and Visual Design. Overall, the report focused on the classroom efforts of our teachers.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. VACATION DAY CARRYOVER POLICY REVIEW:

Superintendent Watson explained the vacation day carryover policy. Superintendent Watson asked Committee Members if they would consider extending its policy on the Covid Leave to have all staff use that leave no later than October 1, 2025 rather than June 30, 2025 and that would only extend to the GNBAU Unit C members and the Teamsters. This would not include the non-union administrators as they would be paid out on June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to approve the extension of the Covid Policy until October 1, 2025 for the GNBAU Unit C and the Teamsters.

Yes – 7 No – 0

14. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to appoint Mr. Bruce Oliveira as Treasurer and Mr. Paul Kitchen as Assistant Treasurer.

Yes – 7 No – 0

15. 2025/26 STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to appoint Ms. Karen Treadup to the Budget and Policy Review sub-committees.

Yes – 7 No – 0

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to add an Admissions sub-committee to the Standing Sub-Committees list. Mrs. Ribeiro, Mr. Oliveira and Dr. Marland will serve on the sub-committee.

Yes – 7 No - 0

16. EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR:

Mr. Oliveira presented the superintendent-director’s evaluation and ratings.

17. FIRST READING FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2025/26 STUDENT HANDBOOK:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to adopt the 2025/26 Student Handbook and this be considered the first reading for adoption.

Yes – 7 No – 0

18. TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL #59 CONTRACT:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was voted to ratify the contract between GNBVT and the Teamsters Union Local #59.

Yes – 7 No – 0

19. POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE POLICY:

Superintendent Watson explained the Post-Employment Health Care Policy.

20. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

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

Description of Item	Dimensions of Equipment	Serial # (if applicable)	Equipment Issues	Age of Equip.
Dell Chromebook 3100	Chromebook	No charger, Out of Warranty, As is, Rough Condition	5+	998
Samsung Notebook	Chromebook	No charger, Out of Warranty, As is, Rough Condition	6+	2
Acer Chromebook	Chromebook	No charger, Out of Warranty, As is, Rough Condition	6+	1
Dell Precision 3260	Small Form Factor	Working, No OS	4+	1
Dell Precision 3660	Desktop	Working, No OS	5+	5
Dell Optiplex 7040	Desktop	Working, No OS	6+	1
Logitech Speaker System Z523	Sub Woofer	Working, No OS	6+	1
Dell Optiplex 7080	Desktop	Working, No OS	5+	4
Dell Precision Tower 5810	Desktop	Working, No OS	5+	1
Dell Monitor w/speaker	Monitor	Working, No Power Cord	6+	1
HP LaserJet 4240N Printer	Printer	Working, No OS	6+	1
HP Color LaserJet Enterprise M553	Printer	Working, No OS	6+	1
HP Color LaserJet CP4525	Printer	Working, No OS	6+	1
Dell Latitude 5310	Laptop	Working, Out of Warranty, No OS	6+	1
Dell Latitude 5400	Laptop	Working, Out of Warranty, No OS	6+	1
Dell Precision	Laptop	Working, Out of Warranty, No OS	10+	1
Dell DLP Front Projector (3200MP)	Portable Projector	Working, No Power Cord	6+	1
Dell DLP Front Projector (2400MP)	Portable Projector	Working, No Power Cord	6+	1
Optiplex 9030 AIO	Desktop	Working, No OS, No Power Cord	6+	1

Yes – 7 No – 0

21. REPORT ON PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, RETIREMENTS OR RESIGNATIONS

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

1. Pamela Smith effective June 30, 2026.
2. Arminio Lopes effective June 30, 2026.
3. Susan Sylvia effective June 30, 2026.
4. Guy Shepherd effective the end of the 25/26 school year.
5. Sheryll Piazza effective October 1, 2026.
6. Stephen Flowers effective June 11, 2026.

Yes – 7 No – 0

22. INFORMATIONAL:

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

1. Appointment of Karen Treadup to the GNBVT District School Committee
2. Retiree Recognition Luncheon – June 11, 2025 – 11:00 a.m. – Cafeteria
3. Hall of Fame / Career Achievement Awards – August 8, 2025 – Whites of Westport
4. Communication to Mount Vernon Group – May 16, 2025
5. Communication to Raymond Design Associates, Inc. – May 16, 2025
6. Donation from Sheridan Movers – May 2, 2025

Yes – 7 No – 0

23. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee