

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 9, 2025
6:00 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

EXCUSED: Ms. Bettencourt.

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. Treadup, it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,676,103.25.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

5. UPDATE ON THE CTI PROGRAM:

Superintendent Watson explained the breakdown of the CTI Program that ran during weeks 6 through 10.

6. SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” expressed his appreciation for the Assistant Principals and Security Team for the work that they have done with the Yondr phone pouches.

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7. 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.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Emilia Noriega brought the Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She informed that seniors participated in the senior sunrise event. The seniors are using their favorite character backpacks. A pep rally is being planned. Spirit days are being planned. The Yondr phone pouches got off to a rough start on the 1st day of school, but students are now use to them.

9. 2025/26 WEIGHTED LOTTERY ADMISSIONS POLICY:

Discussion was held on the 2025/26 Weighted Lottery Admissions Policy. Superintendent Watson explained the need for the applicant to submit all residency paperwork in order to participate in the lottery. Because the school is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local authorities, you can't live outside of the district and be charging the balance of that student's tuition to one of the member municipalities. Therefore, we need to make sure that folks are living within the district and that is what we are undertaking right now.

10. INTENT TO APPLY FOR A NEW CHAPTER 74 PROGRAM:

Superintendent Watson explained the rationale for applying for a new Chapter 74 program in Construction Craft Labor. He informed that the letter of intent must be submitted by October 3rd.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to authorize the Superintendent to apply for the new Chapter 74 program in Construction Craft Labor as requested.

Yes - 7 No - 0

11. AVIATION PROGRAM EXPLORATION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Superintendent Watson informed that the group would be visiting Greater Lawrence Tech on October 7th and Westfield Tech on October 8th and they would report back to the Committee at the October 14th meeting.

12. EXPLORATORY SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS:

Superintendent Watson explained the need to establish an Exploratory Sub-Committee on Program Effectiveness.

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was voted to establish an Exploratory Sub-Committee on Program Effectiveness. Mr. Shea, Mr. Oliveira and Ms. Treadup volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

Yes - 7 No - 0

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13. POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

It was the consensus of the Policy Sub-Committee to meet on September 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

14. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to appoint Ms. Tammy Tisdelle to the position of School Nurse.

Yes – 7 No – 0

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to waive the restriction set in Policy GBEA and authorize the Superintendent to appoint Mr. Shawn Arruda to the position of Social Studies Teacher.

Yes – 7 No – 0

15. 2025/26 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:

Superintendent Watson explained the changes to the Organizational Charts from last year to this year.

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the 2025/26 Organizational Chart as submitted.

Yes – 7 No – 0

16. STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS AND BALANCES:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve the Student Activity Accounts and Balances as submitted.

Yes – 7 No – 0

17. 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	Serial #	Equipment Issues (if applicable)	Age
Northfield - # 8 Planer-Surfercer 31" Straight Knife	4' x 6'	Model # 8 - S#900265-B	needs new blade and minor adjustments	35yrs
Northfield – 12" jointer Straight Knife	3' x 10'	Model# 12-HD - S#77932-C	needs new safety guard	40yrs
Northfield – 12" jointer Straight Knife	3' x 8'	Model# 12-HD - S#850298-B	n/a	40yrs
(1) SCMI SI 12 Sliding Table Saw	5' x 10'	SI 12	n/a	35yrs
Timesaver – Speed belt Sander	4' x 7'	Model #137-1HD - S#17321T	n/a	38yrs

Powermatic – 20" Bandsaw	3' x 4'	Model # 81 - S#781102	Blade tracking needs tuning - missing rip fence	47yrs
DeWalt – Radial Arm saw	4' x 4'	Model #32	need new retracting mechanism and wire	67 yrs
Delta – 20" vertical Bandsaw	3' x 7'	Model #20 - S#93#00318	n/a	38yrs
Powermatic - 10" Table saw	3' x 4" x 80"	Model # 66 - S#8- 661971	heavy vibration / safety	50yrs
Northfield - Shaper	3' x 4'	S# 861810-J	n/a	40yrs

Yes – 7 No - 0

18. REPORT ON PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, RETIREMENTS OR RESIGNATIONS

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

1. Thomas Richard effective September 10, 2026.

Yes – 7 No - 0

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

1. Nikie Iwanczuk effective immediately.
2. Jeffrey Caron effective September 5, 2025.
3. Bridget Marcotte effective immediately.

Yes – 7 No – 0

19. INFORMATIONAL:

It was the consensus of the Committee to receive and place on file the following communications:

1. Advisory Dinner Meeting – October 22, 2025
2. Donation from the New Bedford Free Public Library

20. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Yes – 7 No - 0

Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee