

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 14, 2025
6:00 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. The Executive Session was moved to the end of the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Serge Moniz explained the Pavilion that was built for Our Sisters School. He informed that the carpentry and electrical shop students worked on the project.

Sarah Herman of Our Sisters School expressed her gratitude to Mr. Moniz, the students and the District, for building the pavilion on their grounds.

4. READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting.

Yes – 8 No – 0

5. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,413,852.51.

Yes – 8 No – 0

6. SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” informed of the email that he had received from Juliana Vieira recognizing Kenny Paulino for the work that he is doing with his students.

7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT:

Emilia Noriega brought the Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She informed the Homecoming Dance will be held on October 25th. from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. A vote for Homecoming King and Queen will take place at the dance. Class elections took place. The first delegate assembly will take place on October 28th.

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8. ARTISAN REPORT:

Superintendent Watson explained the artisan report.

9. 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.

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. 2025/26 WEIGHTED LOTTERY ADMISSIONS POLICY:

Superintendent Watson explained the changes to the policy from last month's copy. Discussion was held on the 2025/26 Weighted Lottery Admissions Policy. Mr. Oliveira informed that he is opposed to the lottery in general and feels that students who try hard are being hurt by the process.

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to adopt the 2025/26 Weighted Lottery Admissions Policy.

Yes – 7 No - 1

12. COMPETENCY DETERMINATION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2026 AND 2027:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the Competency Determination for the Classes of 2026 and 2027 as submitted.

Yes – 8 No - 0

13. GRADUATION 2026:

Superintendent Watson explained that with the change in SkillsUSA dates for this year, he recommends moving the 2026 graduation to Friday May 29th from June 5th.

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to change the date of the 2026 graduation to Friday, May 29, 2026.

Yes – 8 No – 0

14. AVIATION PROGRAM EPLORATION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Superintendent Watson informed that the group had visited Greater Lawrence Tech on October 7th and Westfield Tech on October 8th.

15. ADOPTION OF POLICIES:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to adopt the following policies, and this be considered the second reading and adoption:

- IKFE – Competency Determination
- GBEBC – Gifts to and Solicitations by Staff
- JJE – Student Fund Raising Activities
- KBE – Relations with Parent/Booster Organizations
- ECAB – Access to Buildings and Grounds
- KI – Visitors to the Schools
- EFBA – School Food and Nutrition – Meal Modifications
- KBG – Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)

Yes – 8 No - 0

16. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for student athletes for the following:

- Winter Track – Providence Career & Tech in January of 2026
- Spring Track – White Plains New York for Loucks Games in May of 2026
- Boys Volleyball – URI for Rhody Invitational in April of 2026

Yes – 8 No – 0

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for the automotive tech and diesel tech students to travel to New England Institute of Technology in East Greenwich, RI on October 16 and November 13, 2025.

Yes – 8 No – 0

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for the machine tech students to travel to Safe Harbor Marinas in Portsmouth, RI on a date to be determined.

Yes – 8 No – 0

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for the design and visual communications students to travel to the ABC Disney Studios in New York on November 5, 2025.

Yes – 8 No - 0

17. OUT OF THE COUNTRY TRAVEL FOR THE TRAVEL CLUB

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to approve Out of the Country Travel for the travel club to travel to Lisbon, Seville and Madrid from June 18 to June 26, 2026.

Yes – 8 No - 0

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18. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, 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.
TRAK-2OP-M10-MILL	30" Width 49" Depth 101 Height	SN 143DQ988	Broken E-Stop	12
TRAK-2OP-M10-MILL	30" Width 49" Depth 101 Height	SN 143DQ981	Coolant Not Working	12
TRAK-2OP-M10-MILL	30" Width 49" Depth 101 Height	SN 153DQ962	Coolant Not Working	12
TRAK-2OP-M10-MILL	30" Width 49" Depth 101 Height	SN 142DQ637A	N/A	12
TRAK 1630 SX Lathe	85 Width 42 Depth 74 Height	SN 162CH873	N/A	12

Yes – 8 No - 0

19. REPORT ON PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS, RETIREMENTS OR RESIGNATIONS

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

1. Michael Nelson effective July 7, 2026.
2. Mark Waters effective October 1, 2026.

Yes – 8 No - 0

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the following notification of resignation:

1. Ursula Crowell effective October 17, 2025.

Yes – 8 No – 0

20. INFORMATIONAL:

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

1. Advisory Dinner Meeting – October 22, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
2. ACTE Best Practices Conference Feedback
3. Leadership Network for Women Conference Feedback

Yes – 8 No – 0

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21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Oliveira commended Maciel Pais for the new layout of the technology in the student forum.

22. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 30 SECTION 21:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to meet for the purpose of discussing strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel where discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee. Members will not be returning to open session.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 8 No – 0

23. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Yes – 8 No - 0

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee