

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

PRESENT: Ms. Pimentel, Chair; Ms. Bettencourt; Mr. Oliveira; Dr. Marland; Mr. Kitchen; Ms. Treadup.
Student Emilia Noriega.

EXCUSED: Mr. Shea, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Ribeiro.

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 Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to meet for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to potential litigation, for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to ongoing collective bargaining negotiations with the GNBEU and 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 be returning to open session.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 6 No – 0

Returned to regular session at 6:15 p.m.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kellie Martin explained her request for more educational space for the Legal and Protective Services program. Ms. Martin submitted her written statement and picture of the legal and protective classroom into official records.

4. Item 8a.- SMEC Capital Reserve Account Policy was taken out of order.

5. **SMEC CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT POLICY:**

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to accept the SMEC Capital Reserve Account Policy as submitted.

Yes – 6 No – 0

6. READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting.

Yes – 6 No – 0

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve and hold the minutes of the executive session until the matter is completed.

Yes – 6 No - 0

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,023,748.39.

Yes – 6 No – 0

8. ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT:

Carmen Amaral explained, in depth, the Accountability Report. Superintendent Watson explained that he believes that the drop in scores is due to the MCAS requirement changes and that the end of course assessments are being discussed around the State.

9. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Emilia Noriega brought the Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She informed that the Homecoming Dance was a huge success. There were more students participating than in the past years. The Pep Rally was a success. The Powder Puff game was upcoming and there would be a bonfire after the game. She attended the Delegate Assembly on October 18th.

10. SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” informed that Maria Fredette was being recognized for being the longest serving employee at GNBVT. She will be completing 40 years of service at the end of this school year.

11. ARTISAN REPORT:

Superintendent Watson explained this month’s artisan report. This month, the artisan report centered around our Math and English departments in academics highlighting activities utilized in the classrooms. In our Voc-Tech classrooms, Academy A and Academy B were highlighted with classwork done in Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Engineering, HVAC-R, Business Technology, Legal & Protective Services and Culinary Arts. The Assistant Principals and Dean of Freshman areas were also highlighted. Overall, the report focused on the classroom efforts of our teachers.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. SCHOOL NURSE:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was voted to appoint Ms. Jaala Duarte to the position of School Nurse effective November 10, 2025.

Yes – 6 No - 0

15. DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY:

The District Wellness Policy was moved to the December meeting.

16. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS:

On a motion by Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for the Girls Volleyball Team to travel to Orlando, FL for the KSA Tournament.

Yes – 6 No – 0

17. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Dr. Marland, 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 – 6 No – 0

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18. 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. Andre Gendreau effective October 30, 2026.
2. Ann-Marie Belanger effective November 8, 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 following notification of resignation:

1. John Faria effective October 28, 2025.

Yes – 6 No – 0

19. INFORMATIONAL:

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

1. Treasurer's Report
2. MASC/MASS Joint Conference – November 12-14, 2025
3. Open House – Sunday, November 23, 2025 – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4. Craft Fair – November 29 & 30, 2025 – 9:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Fieldhouse
5. Holiday Dinner – December 9, 2025 – 4:30 p.m. – Coffee Shop
6. MassCUE Conference Feedback
7. Atixa Conference Feedback
8. Donation from Brodeur Machine Company – September 10, 2025

Yes – 6 No – 0

20. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Yes – 6 No - 0

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee