

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 9, 2025
6:30 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. 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 November 10, 2025 meeting.

Yes – 8 No – 0

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

Yes – 8 No - 0

4. **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$734,907.74.

Yes – 8 No – 0

5. **AVIATION PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Superintendent Watson, Dr. Marland, Mr. Oliveira and Mr. Josefek brought Members up to date on their visit to Greater Lawrence, Greater Lowell and Westfield Tech Academy.

Discussion was held on finding an instructor for the program, students acquiring certification in the program and a timeframe for getting the program underway.

6. **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 Powder Puff Game was a huge success. There were many student volunteers at open house. They served as tour guides and translators. Spirit days will be held during the weeks of December 10th through December 23rd in order for both cycles of students to participate.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:**

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” expressed his appreciation for the HVAC Shop for the amazing job that is being done in that department. The shop is always clean and energetic. The program is growing, and the students show pride in their work.

8. ARTISAN REPORT:

Principal Williams explained this month's artisan report. This month, the artisan report centered around our Science department in academics highlighting activities utilized in the classrooms. In our Voc-Tech classrooms, Academy A and Academy B were highlighted with classwork done in Carpentry, Drafting, Electrical, Engineering, HVAC-R, Plumbing, Business Technology, Culinary Arts, Design & Visual Communications, Early Education, Health Services, Legal & Protective Services and Medical Assisting. Overall, the report focused on the classroom efforts of our teachers.

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. UPDATED ADMISSIONS POLICY:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to adopt the Updated Admissions Policy as submitted.

Yes – 8 No - 0

12. DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to adopt the District Wellness Policy as submitted.

Yes – 8 No - 0

13. 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 notifications of resignation:

1. Michael Nelson effective November 7, 2025.
2. Caleb Raposo effective December 5, 2025.

Yes – 8 No - 0

14. INFORMATIONAL:

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

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1. Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
2. MASS/MASC Conference Feedback
3. Donation from Susan Jadowe – October 31, 2025
4. Donation from New Bedford Police Department – November 10, 2025

Yes – 8 No – 0

15. 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 with respect to ongoing collective bargaining negotiations with the GNBEU 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 7:25 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

16. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Yes – 8 No - 0

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee