

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

REMOTE PARTICIPATION: Dr. Marland.

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 December 9, 2025 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

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

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

4. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$648,526.15.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

5. 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 Spring Fling will take place on April 11. The theme will be Neon Glow Party. Ms. Voc-Tech will be crowned that night. The Pep Rally will be held on May 15.

6. SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” expressed his appreciation for Business & Office Tech, Coffee Shop and Cosmetology for opening up their areas to the public.

7. ARTISAN REPORT:

Principal Williams explained this month’s artisan report. This month, the artisan report centered around our History department in academics highlighting activities utilized in the classrooms. In our Voc-Tech classrooms, Academy C was highlighted with classwork done in Automotive, Cosmetology, Collision Technology, Diesel Service Technology, Information Technology & Program & Web Development, Machine Technology, Marine Technology, Metal Fabrication & Welding and Stationary Engineering. The report also highlighted Co-op Education, the Attendance Office and Ferreira Driving School. Overall, the report focused on the classroom efforts of our teachers.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 2025 ANNUAL REPORT:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the 2025 Annual Report as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

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11. STUDENT ACTIVITY LINE FOR E-SPORTS GAMING CLUB:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve a Student Activity Line for the E-Sport Gaming Club as requested.

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

12. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for the Ski Club to travel to Ragged Mt. in New Hampshire on January 25, 2026.

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

13. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Ms. Treadup, it was voted to designate the following equipment as surplus:

Brown and Sharpe Surface Grinder	56 width 50 Deep 72 height	523-6181-4663	Leaks Hydraulic oil, Bad Spindle Bearings	30 years
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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

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14. 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 early notification of retirement of Michael Bobrowiecki effective February 3, 2027.

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

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15. INFORMATIONAL:

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

1. Winter General Advisory Dinner Meeting – February 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
2. ACTE Conference Feedback
3. SMEC FY-2025 Annual Report
4. Bid Award Letter to Open Cape Corporation
5. Bid Award Letter to Northeast Machinery Sales
6. Donation from Brodeur Machine – November 20, 2025
7. Donation from Mark Loranger – November 24, 2025

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

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16. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 30 SECTION 21:

On a motion by Mr. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, 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 Unit D 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 6:30 p.m.

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

Yes – 8 No – 0

17. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

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Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee