

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 12, 2019
6:30 P.M.
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Mr. Shea, Chairman; Mrs. Ribeiro, Vice Chair; Mr. Durrigan; Dr. Marland; Mr. Amaral; Mr. Toomey; Atty. Walsh; Mr. Tillett; student Cameron Costa.

1. It was the consensus of the Committee to waive the reading of the notice of the meeting.
2. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Amaral, it was moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting.

Yes – 8 No - 0
3. Beverly Rebello and Henry DeGrace explained the Be Like Brit Foundation Program. They informed that 10 students and 2 advisors would travel to Haiti for 1 week in April 2020 to help build houses. The SkillsUSA students would raise the money to fund the trip. A deposit of \$1,200 would need to be made within the next few week in order to secure the date.
4. On a motion by Mr. Amaral, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to authorize Advisors Beverly Rebello and Henry DeGrace to move forward and place a deposit of \$1,200 with the Be Like Brit Foundation in order to secure a date in 2020 for the trip to Haiti.

Yes – 8 No - 0
5. Ryan Methia explained the request to approve advertising within the athletic department in order to raise revenue. He informed that there would be an ad booklet and a score board where vendors could purchase ads.
6. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was voted to approve advertising within the athletic department for the purpose of generating funds.

Yes – 8 No - 0
7. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to pay Warrant 19-08 bills in the amount of \$705,436.24.

Yes – 8 No – 0
8. Superintendent O'Brien, Principal Watson and Principal Watt brought the Members up to date on the events taking place throughout the building.
9. Student Cameron Costa brought the Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. He informed that he had met with the diversity committee. He is still working on the survey and would like to setup a protocol for resolving complaints that are made by parents and students.

10. Discussion was held on the Memorandum of Understanding between Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech and the New Bedford Police Department. Mr. Toomey requested that the word vocational be added to the school name.
11. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech and the New Bedford Police Department.
- Yes – 8 No - 0
12. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to adopt the FY-20 Operating Budget in the amount of \$40,640,614.00 and this be considered the first reading for adoption.
- Yes – 8 No – 0
13. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Amaral, it was voted to approve a GNB Voc-Tech Student Activities Agency Account as required by Mass General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 47 as follows:
- The account will be an interest bearing savings account held at a financial institution of the District.
 - The interest received on the account is to be divided amongst the student activity accounts accordingly with the respective month's ending balance.
 - The district principals will have no checkbook for accounts payable purpose since the agency fund is currently established in the district financial system. The minimum checkbook balance is not necessary with the payables handled within the warrant process monthly or weekly.
 - A transfer will be done in a timely manner from the student activity agency savings account to the district operating account to replenish the warrant payments.
- Yes – 8 No – 0
14. Discussion was held on the Full Year Grant Liaison position. Mr. Tillett inquired if the workload warranted a full time position.
15. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was voted to approve a Full Year Grant Liaison position as submitted.
- Yes – 8 No – 0
16. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the 2019/2020 School Calendar.
- Yes – 8 No – 0
17. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Atty. Walsh, it was moved to receive and place on file the resignation of Susan Ashley effective February 22, 2019.
- Yes – 8 No – 0

18. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communications:

1. National Honor Society Induction – March 20, 2019
2. Mayor Jon Mitchell – State of the City Address – March 28, 2019
3. GNBVT – EMT Ribbon Cutting – May 16, 2019
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Calendar of Events

Yes – 8 No – 0

19. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to conduct strategy sessions with respect to the Business Manager Search.

Members will not be returning to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes	Atty. Walsh	-	Yes
Mr. Toomey	-	Yes	Mr. Tillett	-	Yes
Mr. Amaral	-	Yes	Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes
Dr. Marland	-	Yes	Mr. Shea	-	Yes

Yes – 8 No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

20. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Durrigan, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 8 No - 0

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee