

# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 11, 2022  
6:30 P.M.  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

PRESENT: Dr. Marland, Chair; Ms. Bettencourt; Vice-Chair; Mr. Shea; Mrs. Ribeiro; Mr. Oliveira;  
Mr. Durrigan; Mr. Toomey.

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. There was one public comment submitted by Ms. Sarah Hartley regarding parental leave policy.
3. Ms. Bettencourt informed that public comments should be based on what is listed on the current meeting agenda. Ms. Bettencourt recommended that Superintendent Watson setup a meeting with the individuals and one school committee member to hear their concerns regarding the parental leave policy.
4. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
5. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve and hold the minutes of the executive session until the matter is completed.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
6. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,056,895.16.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
7. Mr. Angelo brought Members up to date on the MCAS Test results.
8. Mr. Shea commended the staff for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the students.
9. Superintendent Watson informed of the 1.8-million-dollar Capital Skills Grant that will be used to update the HVAC and Culinary areas. He thanked the teachers and administrators for all their help in securing the grant.
10. Superintendent Watson informed that there has been an increase in parent participation on the Possip Checks. Family Engagement is contacting families regarding any concerns and he is hoping that more families will give feedback.
11. Principal Williams explained the October Artisan Report.

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12. Elijah Gonsalves explained his student representative's report. He informed that four students from each grade will be meeting with the Superintendent on October 17. He will be meeting with Mr. Methia regarding activities for the pep rally. Voc-tech theater company is having a car wash. The students have formed a Christian Club and all students are welcome to participate.
13. Discussion was held on the Student Activities Account Balances Report.
14. Mrs. Ribeiro requested an explanation on the miscellaneous student activity account.
15. Mrs. Stuart will research the account and report back to the committee at the November meeting.
16. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve the Student Activities Account Balances as of September 30, 2022.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
17. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to accept the donation made by the Northwest Atlantic Sea Scallop Fisheries.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
18. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Oliveira, it was voted to approve Out of State Travel for the girls' volleyball team to travel to Providence College on October 22, 2022.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
19. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the New Cafeteria Salary Scale as submitted.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
20. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to designate equipment as surplus.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
21. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was voted to create CVTE Shop Revolving Funds as submitted.  
  
Yes – 7      No – 0
22. 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. Zenobia Cabral effective January 1, 2024.
  2. Marybeth Vargas effective October 2, 2023.  
Yes – 7      No – 0

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23. On a motion by Mr. Toomey, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to receive and place on file the following communication:

1. National Honor Society Induction – Monday, October 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
2. Advisory Dinner Meeting – Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
3. GNBVT Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget

Yes – 7      No – 0

24. Discussion was held on the Admissions Policy Sub-Committee. Mr. Shea will remove himself from the sub-committee in order to bring it to three members as there are only seven members to the full district committee. Mrs. Ribeiro, Ms. Bettencourt and Mr. Oliveira will serve on the Admissions Policy Sub-committee.

25. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mr. Toomey, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Teamsters Union Local #59 as the Chair has determined that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the committee. Members will not be returning to open session.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ms. Bettencourt	-	Yes	Mr. Durrigan	-	Yes
Mr. Shea	-	Yes	Mr. Toomey	-	Yes
Mrs. Ribeiro	-	Yes	Dr. Marland	-	Yes
Mr. Oliveira	-	Yes			

Yes – 7      No – 0

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

26. On a motion by Mr. Durrigan, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 7      No - 0

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee