

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 29, 2025

6:00 P.M.

New Bedford, Massachusetts

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

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. Mr. Oliveira stated that as required under Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended in 1972 by the addition of Section 38N, "The School Committee of each city, town or regional school district shall hold a public hearing on its proposed annual budget after publication of a notice thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in such city, town or district to which such hearing may from time to time be adjourned, all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget, "therefore, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and as advertised in the Standard Times on April 20, 2025, this is a public hearing of the proposed Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School District Operating & Capital Costs Budget for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
3. Mr. Oliveira asked if any interested party wished to be heard for or against the whole or any part of the proposed budget.
4. On a motion by Mr. Shea seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to close the public hearing.

Yes – 7 No – 0
5. Mr. Oliveira stated that as required under the Massachusetts School Choice Law contained in the Education Reform Act of 1993, "The School Committee of each city, town or regional school district shall hold a public hearing on School Choice after publication of a notice thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in such city, town or district to which such hearing may from time to time be adjourned, all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard for or against school choice," therefore, in accordance with Massachusetts School Laws and as advertised in the Standard Times on April 20, 2025, this is a public hearing on School Choice for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.
6. Mr. Oliveira asked if any interested party wished to be heard for or against School Choice.
7. On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro seconded by Ms. Pimentel, it was moved to close the public hearing.

Yes – 7 No – 0
8. Mrs. Fredette informed that there were no public comments submitted.

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9. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to adopt the final operating and capital costs budget commencing July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$54,890,390 and with the understanding that this amount includes \$400,000 from Excess and Deficiency which will be transferred into the FY-26 Capital Renovations Line.

Yes – 7 No – 0

10. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to approve the assessments to the City of New Bedford and the Towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven as follows:

Dartmouth	-	\$6,401,337
Fairhaven	-	2,631,268
New Bedford	-	6,419,230

Yes – 7 No – 0

11. On a motion by Ms. Pimentel, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve the following updated job descriptions:

- Humanities Administrator
- STEM Administrator
- Dean of Freshmen Student Life
- Strategic Initiatives Administrator
- Lead Teacher Academic
- Lead Teacher CVTE

Yes – 7 No – 0

12. On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted not to participate in School Choice for FY-2025/2026 due to being oversubscribed by applicants from within the district.

Yes – 7 No – 0

13. It was the consensus of the Committee to table item 6d. Vacation Day Carryover Policy Review until the next meeting.

Yes – 7 No - 0

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14. On a motion by Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was voted to approve the award of the GNBVT Main Lobby Wall Bid base and to authorize the Superintendent to act on the Bid option.

Yes – 7 No – 0

15. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was moved to receive and place on file the Capital Improvement Plan FY-26.

Yes – 7 No – 0

16. Caroline Pereira brought Committee Members up to date on the events taking place amongst the student body. She explained that there was a fundraiser at Cask & Pig, students participated in the Mr. & Ms. Voc-Tech events, Spirit Week, Spring Fling, McBeth Play and Multi-cultural week took place in April. She also explained that students have participated in the trip to Portugal. They all had a great experience and felt very safe during the entire trip.

17. On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Pimentel, it was moved to adjourn.

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee