

GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 8, 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.

1. The meeting was held in person and via remote participation (YouTube) for the public.
2. The meeting was taken out of order to address item #7b – SkillsUSA Presentation. Stacey Martin, SkillsUSA Advisor, brought the Committee up to date on the SkillsUSA activities.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER CHAPTER 30 SECTION 21:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Dr. Marland, it was moved to adjourn to Executive Session under Chapter 30, Section 21 to discuss A Step 3 Grievance filed by the GNBEU Unit A on behalf of the Curriculum Leaders in accordance with the grievance procedures in the GNBEU Unit A Collective Bargaining Agreement as discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee. Members will be returning to open session.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Returned to regular session at 7:10 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

It was the consensus of the Committee to receive and place on file the public comment submitted by Ms. Kristen Gonzalez.

5. READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Ms. Pimentel, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting.

Yes – 7 No – 0

6. APPROVAL OF BILLS:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Shea, it was moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,142,962.01.

Yes – 7 No – 0

7. STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2025 PROGRESS REPORT:

Superintendent Watson explained the Strategic Plan 2024-25 Progress Report.

8. SUPERINTENDENT SHOUT-OUT:

Superintendent Watson in his monthly “shoutout” expressed his appreciation of the Civics teachers and the Social Studies department.

9. PARENT COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Watson informed that the possip surveys include feedback that we're getting from parents. Ms. DeMello continues reviewing the feedback and providing the information to the departments.

10. ARTISAN REPORT:

Principal Williams explained this month’s artisan report. This month, the artisan report centered around our Social Studies department in academics highlighting activities utilized in the classrooms. In our Voc-Tech classrooms, Academies A and B were highlighted with classwork done in Off Campus Construction, Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Culinary Arts, Early Education and Care, Legal & Protective Services, Nurse Assistant, Medical Assistant, and Dental Assistant. Overall, the report focused on the classroom efforts of our teachers.

11. 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.

12. ACTIVE MINDS STUDENT ACTIVITY CLUB:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to establish an Active Minds Student Activity Club.

Yes – 7 No – 0

13. FIRST READING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FY-26 OPERATING BUDGET:

On a motion by Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to adopt the FY-26 Operating Budget and this be considered the first reading for adoption.

Yes – 7 No – 0

14. 3 YR. AUDITOR'S CONTRACT:

On a motion by Ms. Bettencourt, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it voted to renew the 3 yr. Auditor's Contract with Hague, Sahady & Co. P.C.

Yes – 7 No – 0

15. AVIATION PROGRAM TASK FORCE:

On a motion by Mrs. Ribeiro, seconded by Ms. Bettencourt, it was voted to establish an aviation task force. Dr. Marland, Ms. Bettencourt and Mr. Oliveira volunteered to serve on the task force and Mrs. Ribeiro will be the alternate.

Yes – 7 No – 0

16. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE BPA STUDENTS:

On a motion by Ms. Pimentel, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, it was voted to approve the Out of State Travel for the BPA students to participate in the BPA National Conference on May 6-9, 2025 in Orlando Florida.

Yes – 7 No – 0

17. OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE VISUAL COMMUNICATION STUDENTS:

On a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Mrs. Ribeiro, it was voted to approve the Out of State Travel for the Visual Communication students to travel to the RISD Museum in Providence, RI on a date to be determined.

Yes – 7 No – 0

18. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:

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

17 x Dell Latitude 5310 2-in-1 Laptop	Laptop	Various	4+ Years
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1 x Dell Precision 5530 Laptop	Laptop	BYDZLQ2	4+ Years
1 x Dell Latitude 5320 Laptop	Laptop	B503HLJ	4+ Years
1 x Dell Latitude 5330 Laptop	Laptop		4+ Years
8 x - Bose Panaray 802 Series III Loudspeaker	H 13" x W 20" x D 12" -- 31 lb	Various	11 Years
5 x - Bose Panaray 402 Series II Loudspeaker	H 23" x W 8" x D 8" -- 15 lb	Various	11 Years
1 x Crestron DMPS-300-C Presentation System	H 5" x W 19" x D 16" -- 22 lb	????	4+ Years
1 x Audia Flex Digital Audio Processor	H 3" x W 19" x D 11" -- 15 lb	2378892	4+ Years
1 x Crestron DM-RMC-100-C Room Controller	H 6" x W 5" x D 1"	11245716	4+ Years
2 x Crestron MP-B20 Button Panel	H 4" x W 6" x D 2"	????	4+ Years
2 x Crestron DM-TX-200-C-2G-B-T DM Transmitter	H 4" x W 3" x D 2"	10768748 11114426	4+ Years
1 x Crestron MPC3-102-B	H 5" x W 3" x D 2"	6507828	4+ Years
4 x Shure SLX4-H5 Wireless Receiver	H 2" x W 8" x D 6"	Various	4+ Years
1 x Sharp LC-80LE632U 80" TV	H 43" x W 73" x D 3" -- 131.2 lb	208813619	4+ Years
2 x AV Cart, JVC CRT TV + Sony VCR	H 36" x W 24" x D 18" (cart)	Various	4+ Years
1 x Toshiba DVR620KU VCR	H 4" x W 17" x D 10"	C45D14634U0601	4+ Years
16 x Dell Precision 3630 Tower	Desktop Tower	Various	4+ Years
21 x Dell Precision 3650 Tower	Desktop Tower	Various	4+ Years
Dell Precision 5820 Tower	Desktop Tower	6KVY0R3	4+ Years
Dell Precision 3650 Tower	Desktop Tower	B16KNF3	4+ Years
3 x Dell Latitude 5310 2-in-1 Laptop	Laptop	Various	4+ Years
3 x Dell Latitude 5310 Laptop	Laptop	Various	4+ Years
Dell Precscision 5560 Laptop	Laptop	HSN1VQ3	4+ Years
HP Laserjet P2035	H 14" x W 14" x D 10" -- 22 lb	CNB9H03921	4+ Years
HP Laserjet Enterprise M806	H 43" x W 25" x 25" -- 169 lb	JPACFDC140	4+ Years
Xerox WorkCentre 3315	H 17" x W 16" x D 16" -- 30 lb	LA4233256	4+ Years
HP Color LaserJet Pro MFP M277 dw	Printer	VNB8J5G6WQ	4+ Years
HP Color LaserJet Pro MFP M277 dw	Printer	VNB8J5GG2P	4+ Years
Lexmark MS421	Printer	4600952318TLG	4+ Years

19. INFORMATIONAL:

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

1. Advisory Dinner Meeting – April 9, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
2. Annual Women’s Educational Leadership Network and Conference Takeaways
3. Innovative Schools Summit Conference Takeaways
4. Communication to Martins Driving School – March 21, 2025
5. Donation from the Estate of Geoffrey R. Lucier

Yes – 7 No – 0

20. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Yes – 7 No – 0

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary for the Committee