

July 13, 2009  
Keith Middle School  
7:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, DR. FLETCHER, ATTY. CLARK, MS. POLLOCK, MRS. USSACH, MR. NOBREGA

ABSENT: MR. POPE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. BONNER, DR. SOUZA, D. WINN, H. LARKIN, DR. FRANCIS, L. OLIVEIRA,  
G. MALITA (recording secretary)

Student Representative, Filipe Andre, was in attendance.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to accept the minutes of the previous meetings held on June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup> as recorded.

Under public comment period, Christina Hart, 90 Caroline Street, New Bedford, voiced her displeasure with the Superintendent's cancellation of an appointment she (Mrs. Hart) had made with her to which Mayor Lang responded that the Superintendent's office would set up another appointment with her.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file the Personnel Report as follows.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Paula Manchester	Principal	Whaling City Alternative Program
Sue Anne Marks	Director of Guidance, Health & Pupil Personnel Services	PRAB

**UNIT B**

Steven Dzialo	Housemaster	New Bedford High School
Wayne Miller	Assistant Principal	Hayden McFadden

**CIVIL SERVICE**

Donita Diaz	4-hour Cafeteria Helper	Keith
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**PARAPROFESSIONAL**

Pamela Borges	Lunch Aide	Congdon
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**RETIREMENTS**

**ADMINISTRATORS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Steven B. Lamarche	06-30-2010	Chief Administrative Officer of Technology Services	PRAB

**CIVIL SERVICE**

Theresa M. Morton	06-03-2009	Cook	Gomes
Glenn E. Taber	09-14-2009	Forman	PRAB - Maintenance

**PARAPROFESSIONAL**

Janice Bourassa	06-20-2009	Paraprofessional	Gomes
Sandra L. Hern	06-19-2009	Paraprofessional	Gomes

**RESIGNATIONS**

**CIVIL SERVICE**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Lorraine Craig	05-13-2009	PI Cafeteria Helper	Food Service
Lisa M. Desmarais	07-07-2009	Custodian	Keith
Heather Nelson	06-15-2009	Clerk/Typist	New Bedford High

**PARAPROFESSIONAL**

Gretchen Rodrigues	09-19-2009	Paraprofessional	Keith
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**TRANSFERS**

**CIVIL SERVICE**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Constance A. Pina	Assistant Cook at Carney	Cook at Gomes

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Ryan Rodrigues		
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**TERMINATIONS**

**CONTRACTS NOT RENEWED FOR 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>School</u></b>
Fatima Andrade	Math	Keith
Jessica Arruda	Title I Literacy Coach	Dunbar
James Audunson	Special Education	Keith
Gail Bajercius	Science	Roosevelt
Amy Baldwin	Special Education	Pulaski
Jennifer Beaulieu	Special Education	Roosevelt
Jessica Bourque	Math	Roosevelt
Kristen Bruce Desorcy	Grade 3	Hayden McFadden
Heather Brunelli	Special Education	Keith
Doria Bryant	English	Keith
Melissa Canonizado	Chemistry	New Bedford High
Joseph Carney	Psychologist	PRAB
Kimberly Carr	Science	Normandin
Lucinda Castillo	Sheltered English Immersion	Roosevelt
Alyssa Chase	Math	Keith
Michael Coogan	Music	New Bedford High
Steven Costa	Computer	New Bedford High
Lynne Dandeneau	Music	Keith
Antonio DeMatos	Sheltered English Immersion	Roosevelt
Rogério Duarte	Math	Roosevelt
Diane Duprey	Social Studies	Whaling City
Anna Dye	English Language Learner	New Bedford High
Amy Eddy	Computer	Keith
Louise Ferland	English	Roosevelt

Lucia Ferreira-Trevino	Title I Literacy Coach	DeValles
Kellie Freitas	Librarian	Keith
Kathleen Frias	Guidance Counselor	West Side
Kyle Grandfield	Special Education	Keith
David Grochmal	Math	New Bedford High
Thomas Halstead	Family & Consumer Science/CPR	New Bedford High
Paul Hart	Special Education	Whaling City
Edward Herbert	Psychologist	PRAB
Terrance Holliman	English	New Bedford High
Sean Igoe	Special Education	Keith
Jeremy Kennefick	Science	Normandin
Keith Lacombe	Math	New Bedford High
Rosanna Lee	Sheltered English Immersion	Hayden McFadden
Shana McKinnon	Special Education	Roosevelt
Seanna McRae	Physical Education	New Bedford High
Elizabeth Melcher-Haddada	English	New Bedford High
Amy Mello	Sheltered English Immersion	Roosevelt
Michael Meriano	Special Education	Keith
Ann Miranda	Special Education	West Side
Mark Moreau	Special Education	Keith
Rachel Oser	Science – Biology	New Bedford High
Susan Pacheco	Science	Keith
Valerie Parent	Grade 6	Keith
Mary Pearce	Chemistry	Whaling City
Linda Pina	Guidance Counselor	Roosevelt
Nila Pope	English	New Bedford High
Jean Pulsifer	Music	Normandin
Cynthia Racine	Chemistry	New Bedford High
Mary Lou Recene	ESL	Roosevelt
Shane Relihan	Computer	Normandin
Stasia Revere	Special Education	Keith
Amy Reynolds-Hardwick	Special Education	Whaling City
Alexandria Rioux	Special Education	Normandin
Daniel Rivera, Jr.	World Language	New Bedford High
Daniel Rivera, Sr	World Language	New Bedford High
Javier Rivera	Math	New Bedford High
Eddy Robert	Sheltered English Immersion	Roosevelt
Daniela Rodrigues	Sheltered English Immersion	Roosevelt
Praveen Singhal	Chemistry	New Bedford High
Shantelle Soares	Grade 4	Lincoln
Mark Souza	Music	Keith
Nilda Thorburn	Special Education	Carney
Shirley Valente	Special Education	Normandin
Fresia Varela	World Language	New Bedford High
Michael Winderlick	Biology	New Bedford High
Megan Wordell	Special Education	Hayden McFadden

Superintendent's Report was as follows.....

**1. LISHA CABRAL – TEACHER @ NBHS**

Selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars

**2. READINESS SCHOOL GRANT**

\$10,500 - to support the development of a high school conversion, with potential public higher education partners.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to receive and place on file the Superintendent's Report.

Filipe Andre provided a brief report as the newly elected Student Representative to the School Committee.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file said report.

Individual members of the School Committee provided brief reports of activities attended since the previous meeting.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Atty. Clark, to receive and place on file said reports.

Dr. Fletcher as Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee reported on that evening's meeting.

Ms. Pollock made a motion and it was seconded by Dr. Fletcher that a Sub-Committee of the School Committee on transportation be established for the purpose of reviewing costs, etc.

Mayor Lang stated that two years ago a study had been conducted of their transportation needs and they were able to come up with some cost savings. However, he felt that since they were continually striving to incur savings, that it would be most appropriate to form such a sub-committee and that he would so appoint members.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to receive and place on file the Financial Statement from Office of Finance & Operations.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Atty. Clark, to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of May.

Tracy Lambert from Brick by Brick gave a lengthy presentation/overview of her Creative Careers programs/events with the assistance of a former student, Angel Diaz and a current student, Jonathan Ramos.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to approve the schedule of School Committee meetings for 2009-2010.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Atty. Clark, to grant approval for the acceptance of the following donations and that letters of appreciation be sent on their behalf.....

- Roosevelt Middle School – rain barrel valued at \$150 from Sky Juice New England of Durham, NH.
- Normandin Middle School - \$12,820 honorarium from Educational Testing Service of Princeton, NJ.
- Fine Arts Department - \$5,320 from various individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations for the Alex Torres Project.
- Gomes School - \$1,100 from Olivia "Lulu" Pyne Foundation of Hope and \$200 from Ms. Elin Bowman of Tabor Academy.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Atty. Clark, to approve submission of a request to the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to designate the Whaling City Alternative Program as a school.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to table deliberation on the approval of the first reading of Policies IKB – Homework Policy; Policy IICA – Field Trips; and Policy IKE - Elementary Promotion until the next meeting.

Dr. Bonner pointed out that her reason for submitting these policies to the full School Committee rather than to the sub-committee on policy was that its (sub-committee) June meeting had been cancelled and for logistical purposes, it would be beneficial if the Committee would give initial approval so that they could be included as draft versions in the Student Handbooks.

Mayor Lang indicated that if any member had any comments and/or changes, he/she were to submit them in writing to the Superintendent's Office.

Discussion also ensued as to an additional meeting in July to which the Superintendent pointed out that all the cutbacks/transfers would not be completed by the end of July and it was her preference to have a second meeting in August to which it was agreed to hold one on August 24th.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Atty. Clark, to grant approval for the acceptance and implementation of a grant totaling \$1000 from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts for after-school programs.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Atty. Clark and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to grant approval for the acceptance and implementation of a grant totaling \$2500 from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Entitled to Success (YES) Fund to the Gomes Elementary School for Camp Kennedy Scholarships

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Ms. Pollock, to grant approval for the acceptance and implementation of a grant totaling \$1000 from the United Way of Greater New Bedford's Community Building Mini-Grants Program to the Hayden-McFadden School's Kids That Grow proposal

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Ms. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Ussach, to take up the two items on the addendum in addition to the five listed under building/field usage.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Fletcher and seconded by Atty. Clark, to grant approval of the following field/building usage as submitted....

- SouthCoast Children's Theatre – use of the auditorium at Keith Middle School for auditions on January 17, 2010 as well as the week of May 9-15, 2010 for their production with waiver of rental fees.
- Neighborhoods United – use of the Gomes School grounds for their annual National Night Out event on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-9:30 PM.
- Dennis Golden/Head Football Coach/NBHS – waiver of all fees in conjunction with use of the fields and various facilities at NBHS for a free Football Camp to run from July 13-17, 2009.
- Miss New Bedford Scholarship Pageant – waivers of rental fee & restriction in order to sell refreshments in the community room at Keith Middle School in conjunction with the Pageant to be held October 2-4, 2009
- Timothy Rumberger & Shane Relihan – use of Normandin Middle School artificial turf field for a youth lacrosse clinic to run from July 27-30, 2009 subject to furnishing certificate of liability insurance.
- ABC Soccer Team - use of the parking lot at Parker School for a fundraiser car wash on July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> with waiver of the custodial fees (\$360) for both days.
- N.B. Police Dept's Underwater Recovery Team - use of the NBHS pool on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-9 PM with waivers of both rental fee (\$216) and custodial fee (\$150).

At 8:05 PM a motion was made by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mr. Nobrega, to adjourn and go into Executive Session, without returning to Open Session, to discuss: 1) collective bargaining issues; and, 2) item under litigation with Atty. Jaikes.

Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Lang	- Yes	Mrs. Ussach	- Yes
Dr. Fletcher	- Yes	Mr. Nobrega	- Yes
Atty. Clark	- Yes	Mr. Pope	- Absent
Ms. Pollock	- Yes		

YEAS – 6

NAYS – 0

ABSENT – 1

Submitted by,

PSB/gm

Portia S. Bonner, Ph.D.  
Secretary, School Committee