

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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

ABSENT: NONE

IN ATTENDANCE: DR. BONNER, DR. SOUZA, DR. FRANCIS, H. LARKIN, D. WINN, L. OLIVEIRA,

Dr. Bonner gave a report to the Committee indicating the number of classrooms throughout the district with 30 or more students. The report is as follows:

Number of classes with 30+ are 15.  
 Number of classes with 31+ are six (6).

- ↵ Brooks, Dunbar and Hathaway have 30 or more students in the kindergarten classes;
- ↵ Campbell, DeValles, Hayden McFadden and Hannigan have 30 or more students in the first grade;
- ↵ Hayden McFadden, Lincoln, Ottiwell and Rodman have 30 or more students in the second grade;
- ↵ Swift has a third grade class with 30 or more students.

Original budget cut 22 paraprofessionals; 18 paraprofessionals have been restored.

Original budget cut 22 teachers; 8 teachers have been restored.

Mrs. Larkin gave a report indicating the Paraprofessional distribution throughout the district as follows:

School	Number of Students with Disabilities	Paraprofessional Distribution	Total Paras
Ashley	37	1-Sm. group	1
Brooks	22	1 Classroom- sub.sep.	
Campbell	57	4 Classroom – 1 EC/3 Elem. 6 (1:1) 2 (2:1) EC 1 Sm. Group EC	15
Carney	141	3 EC Classroom 3 Elem. Classroom 5 (1:1) 2 EC (2:1)/ 1 Elem (2:1) 3 EC (Sm.Gr)/ 3 Elem. (Sm.Gr.)	16
Congdon	36	1 EC Classroom 1 Elem. Classroom	2
DeValles	45	2 Elem. Classroom 1 EC (1:1) 1 Elem. (1:1)	4
Dunbar	10		0
Gomes	206	9 EC Classroom 6 Elem. Classroom 7 EC (1:1) 2 Elem (1:1) 1 EC (Sm. Gr) 1 Elem. (Sm. Gr)	26

Hannigan	20		0
Hathaway	44	1 EC Classroom 3 Elem. Classroom 1 EC (1:1)	5
Hayden-McFadden	170	4 EC Classroom 5 Elem. Classroom 12 EC (1:1) 6 Elem (1:1) 2 EC (Sm. Gr) 1 Elem. (Sm.Gr)	30
Kempton	11		0
Lincoln	34	1 EC Classroom 1 Elem. Classroom 1 EC (1:1)	3
Ottiwell	46	1 EC Classroom 1 Elem Classroom 2 Elem Sm.Gr	4
Carlos Pacheco	58	2 EC Classroom 2 Elem. Classroom 5 EC (Sm.Gr)	9
Parker	48	1 Elem. Classroom	1
Phillips Ave	20	1 Elem. Classroom 1 EC (Sm.Gr)	2
Pulaski	165	4 EC Classroom 2 Elem. Classroom 11 MPOD (Sm.Gr) 9 EC (1:1) 4 Elem (1:1) 1 EC (Sm.Gr)2 Elem (Sm.Gr)	31
Rodman	13	1 Elem. Classroom	1
Swift	20	1 Elem. Classroom 1 Elem. (SmGr)	2
Taylor	31		0
Winslow	21		0
Keith	228	3 Classroom 12 (1:1) 3 Sm. Gr	18
Normandin	164	3 Classroom 8 (1:1) 4 (Sm. Gr)	15
Roosevelt	152	2 Classroom 4 (1:1)	
New Bedford High School	475	10 Classroom 3 Job Coaches 32 (1:1) 3 (Sm.Gr)	48
Whaling City Alternative School	16	2 Classroom 1 Large Group	3
Trinity Day Academy	61	4 Classroom 2 (1:1)	6

Total SPED Students (9/25/09): 2,647

## Paraprofessional Categories

Classroom	According to Instructional Grouping Regulations
Individual	1:1
Small Group	1:4
Large Group	1:6

Mr. Oliveira explained the budgetary impact to date.

- ↪ He reported that there is 5.9 million shortfall.
- ↪ Cut to Circuit Breaker funding was cut 1.25 million. Anticipated cut was 20% but the reality is 40%.
- ↪ There is a system-wide purchasing freeze, only covering transportation, maintenance, and utilities.
- ↪ There is a \$600,000 shortfall for making payroll for the year. Grants have been fully utilized, will re-identify stimulus money to cover some of the shortfall to cover some of the shortfall to cover special education fees.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Mrs. Pollock to accept the added positions at the following schools:

Brooks	Grade K
Campbell	Grade 1
Dunbar	Grade K
Hathaway	Grade K
Hannigan (Para)	Grade 1
Lincoln	Grade 2

Further, if space allows, Grade 1 at DeValles.

At 6:12 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Nobrega and seconded by Mr. Pope, to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

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

YEAS – 7      NAYS – 0      ABSENT – 0

ADJOURN.

Secretary, School Committee

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