

NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BUDGET WORKING SESSION

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

The Budget Working session continued with the discussion of the possible reductions.

Mayor Lang mentioned that the Committee should consider transportation savings to assist with relief on the budget constraints.

As far as closing schools, Mayor Lang suggested that only Dunbar Elementary School be considered. Also, consider an opportunity to close other schools by using St. Joseph's school space. Mr. Oliveira said that there was not enough space at that location to consume enrollment at Swift and said a building such as this was needed in the South End.

Dr. Finnerty inquired if busses transporting students to Pulaski, who live within the two mile radius, could be trimmed down.

Dr. Fletcher commented that once the Committee receives information about the revenue, the list can be prioritized.

Atty. Clark said it would be helpful if there could be recommendations for potential cuts at the Administrative level.

Dr. Bonner replied that the cuts at the Administrative level are already in the proposed budget that was given to the Committee, but added that there would be an additional cut when two Directors' positions, Pupil Personnel and Special Education, would be merged.

Mayor Lang asked if there was any other federal money available.

Dr. Francis replied that there were no more federal funds at this time.

At 8:09, a roll call vote was taken to go into Executive Session.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary, School Committee

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