

OFFICE OF  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
NEW BEDFORD, MA

September 20, 2007

**SPECIAL MEETING** of the New Bedford School Committee to be held on **MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007** in the **COMMUNITY ROOM** of **KEITH MIDDLE SCHOOL**, 225 Hathaway Blvd, New Bedford, MA at **6:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING** immediately following in **COMMUNITY ROOM**.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** to follow thereafter.

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**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Items of Business**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Continuation of discussion on the new  
Superintendent search process.**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Items of Business**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**3. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS (ATTACHED)**

#### **4. REPORTS:**

- A. Schedule of Bills for the months of July/August 2007.**
- B. Financial Statement from the Business Office.**
- C. Facilities Report for the month of August 2007.**
- D. Superintendent's Report**

#### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Pamphlet of NBPS program offerings as requested at a previous meeting.**

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Request approval of a three (3) year agreement between AFSCME Local 641 and the School Committee.**
- B. Request approval of the process/procedures relative to School Councils.**
- C. Request from Karen Meyer, Principal/Ashley School, for authorization to accept the repairs/improvements to the Ashley School playground by its PTO. Recommend approval.**
- D. Request from Business Manager, Lawrence W. Oliveira, for permission to declare as surplus property in accordance with School Department Policy DN a recommended list of equipment located at various schools. Recommend approval.**
- E. Request from Heather Larkin, Director of Pupil Personnel & Guidance Services, for authorization to accept the following. Recommend approval.**
  - 1) donations throughout the school year from individuals and various businesses for the FACTS Program's 2007 Holiday Gift Drive.**

2) donations throughout the school year from various organizations such as *Cradles to Crayons*, *Afghan Erin*, and *Johnson & Johnson* for the McKinney Vento Program.

**F. Request from Martha Kay, Principal/Gomes School, for authorization to accept a donation of 19 computers from the Office of Social Security Administration. Recommend approval.**

**G. Request authorization for the following transfer of funds:**

- ❖ \$23,000 from Acct 4001-5200-00-000-00-6008 (Insurance Compensation Other) to Acct 4001-1420-00-006-84-4002 (personnel ads)
- ❖ \$10,000 from Acct 4001-2430-00-5027-254-00 (Printer Cartridges) to Acct 4001-2453-00-000-84 (other instructional hardware) for the purchase of HP printers for schools
- ❖ CARNEY ACADEMY – transfer \$1650 from Acct 4001-2410-12-045-00-5030 (SPED workbooks) to Acct 4001-2210-11-045-84-5028 (Principal’s office)

**H. Request approval of Student Handbooks as amended for the 2007-08 school year for the following schools:**

- ❖ Rodman Elementary School
- ❖ Winslow Elementary School
- ❖ Phillips Avenue School

**I. Request from Donald Vasconcelles, Headmaster/NBHS, for authorization to accept a donation of \$217.24 from Target’s “Take Charge of Education” program. Recommend approval.**

**J. Request approval to eliminate/establish the following classes, due to enrollment, for the 2007-08 school year:**

SCHOOL	ELIMINATE	ESTABLISH
Ashley	Kindergarten	Grade 3
DeValles		Grade 1
Gomes		Kindergarten
Ottiwell		Kindergarten
Pacheco		Kindergarten
Phillips Avenue		Grade 4
Dunbar	Grade 2	Kindergarten

**K. Request from Kimberli Bettencourt, PTSO President/Swift School, for approval to commence fundraising for a new physical fitness space in the current play yard. Recommend approval.**

**L. REQUESTS FOR LEAVES OF ABSENCE:**

- 1) Request from a Bookkeeper/PRAB for a leave of absence, without pay, from September-August 2008, for personal reasons. Recommend approval.**
- 2) Request from a Building Custodian for a leave of absence, without pay, from September 11-October 11, 2007 for medical reasons. Recommend approval.**

**M. REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:**

- 1) Request from Whaling City Clippers, Inc for permission to use the Paul Walsh Athletic Field for their potential playoff game and Championship on October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup> respectively and that they will assume all costs involved. Recommend approval.**
- 2) Request from the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Westport 6-18 for permission to utilize the Sea Lab Building on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 PM for eight weeks (October 2-November 27) to instruct teachers, community members and students on Boating Safety Practices and that all fees be waived. Recommend approval.**
- 3) Request from Jarred Rose, Chairman/Mayor's Youth Council, for permission to use the Little Theater/NBHS for a Youth Debate on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 PM with a waiver of fees. Recommend approval.**
- 4) Request from the New Bedford Bears Football Association for permission to use the football field at Walsh Field on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> (8-5:30 PM) and Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> (10-8 PM) and that the rental fees be waived. Recommend approval.**

**N. REQUESTS FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL:**

- 1) Request from Dr. Lawrence J. Finnerty, Asst Supt/Special Services, for authorization to attend the Urban SPED Leadership Collaborative Fall Meeting in Atlanta, GA from October 24-27, 2007, with all expenses paid by Project Results. Recommend approval.**
- 2) Request from Michael Correia, Director/Athletics/Physical Education/Health, for authorization to attend the 38<sup>th</sup> National Athletic Directors conference in Nashville, TN from December 14-18, 2007, with all expenses paid from the Athletic Revolving Account. Recommend approval.**
- 3) Request from Andrew O'Leary, Director/Federal/State Programs, for authorization to attend the Teaching American History Project Directors Meeting in New Orleans, LA from October 16-19, 2007, with all expenses paid by BCC. Recommend approval.**
- 4) Request from Marguerite Miller, Elizabeth Napier & Beverly Tavares, Early Reading First Mentors/Gomes School, for permission to attend a seminar on "Becoming A Mentor: Critical Factors & Development Phases" to be held in Chicago, IL from November 7-10, 2007, with all expenses paid by Early Reading First Grant. Recommend approval.**

**O. REQUESTS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FLYERS, ETC.:**

- 1) Request from Lorenzo Vazquez, Youth Program Director of Link2Life, for permission to distribute flyers to junior and senior students at NBHS regarding their Open House on 9/27/07 at the UMass Building on Purchase Street. Recommend approval.**

<b>7. COMMUNICATIONS:</b>
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- A. Notification from Athletic Director, Michael Correia, relative to MIAA waiver.**

- B. Communication from Louis St. John, President/NBEA, Inc requesting commencement of negotiations for successor Unit A and Unit B agreements.**

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The School Committee will take a roll call vote to adjourn and go into Executive Session, without returning to Open Session, to discuss item(s) under negotiations.**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007**

**E.R. HATHAWAY SCHOOL**

**THESE PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS AS INTERVIEWED AND  
RECOMMENDED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT BY PRINCIPALS AND/OR  
INTERVIEWING COMMITTEES AND APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Agenda, September 24, 2007**

**A: PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Lisa Gray**

**Grade 5 teacher assigned to  
Lincoln School**

**B: CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

**Jennifer M. DaSilva**

**Provisional Temporary Building  
Custodian assigned to New  
Bedford High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift**

**C: PARAPROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**NONE**

**D: RESIGNATIONS**

**Shannon Collet, teacher, has resigned from the New Bedford School  
Department, effective August 27, 2007.**

**Jay T. Conaty has resigned from the position of Special Education –  
Secondary teacher assigned to New Bedford High School, effective  
September 5, 2007.**

**Rachael Ficke has resigned from the position of Grade Six teacher  
assigned to Roosevelt, effective August 8, 2007.**

**Elizabeth M. Hougasian is resigning from the position of Clerk/Typist in  
the Blue House Guidance Office at New Bedford High School, effective  
September 28, 2007.**

**Rachel M. Jupin has resigned from the position of English teacher  
assigned to New Bedford High School, effective August 17, 2007.**

**Jocelyn D. Pucci, teacher, has resigned from the New Bedford School Department, effective August 27, 2007.**

**E: RETIREMENTS**

**NONE**

**F: TRANSFERS**

**Joanne Houde has transferred from a 4-hour Cafeteria Helper at New Bedford High School to a 6 ½-hour Cafeteria Helper at New Bedford High School.**

**Thomas Ledoux has transferred from a 4-hour Cafeteria Helper at Keith Middle School to a 4-hour Cafeteria Helper at Pacheco School.**

**Nancy Leonard is transferring from the position of Building Custodian at Gomes School to Building Custodian, floater, at PRAB.**

**Kathy Mello has transferred from a 4-hour Cafeteria Helper at New Bedford High School to a 6 ½-hour Cafeteria Helper at Keith Middle School.**

**Stacey Sylvia is transferring from the position of Clerk/Typist at Hayden McFadden School to Clerk/Typist in the Office of Special Services.**

**G: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPOINTMENTS**

**Robert C. Chace**

**William Davidian**

**Donna C. Duckworth**

**Rebekah J. Fontaine**

**Alison B. Higham**

**Neal P. O'Brien**

**Nila L. Pope**

**Russell J. Ramos**

**H: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE APPOINTMENTS**

**Johanna Estrada**

**Elizabeth Gonzalez**

**Eliany C. Grace**

**Sara A. Jimenez**

**Yessenia T. Montalvo**

**Bernie N. Rivera**

**I: SUBSTITUTE LUNCH AIDE APPOINTMENTS**

**NONE**

**J: ASSIGNMENTS**

**Karen Carvalho is being assigned as Title IV Curriculum Teacher assigned to PRAB for 2007-08 school year.**

**K: EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**NORMANDIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Tara Aldrich**

**Student Council Advisor**

**Ruth Aubertine**

**School Treasurer**

**Brenda Folger**

**Yoga Club Advisor**

**Crystal Freitas**

**Yearbook Club Advisor**

**Rachelle Giorgianni**

**Positive Images Club Advisor**

**Lisa Karantonakis**

**Newspaper Club Advisor**

**Ronald Littlewood**

**Outdoor Club Advisor**

**John Martins**

**Stock Market Club Advisor**

**Lori McDowell**

**Chorus Advisor**

**Sara Mello**

**Band Advisor**

**Pasa Miller**

**Recycle Club Advisor**

**Americo Miranda**

**Civics Club Advisor**

**Thomas Quirke**

**Art Club Advisor**

**Erica Theodore-King**

**Writing Club Advisor**

**PACHECO SCHOOL**

**Kelly Burger**

**Newspaper Club Advisor**

**Catherine Davis**

**Computer Club Advisor**

**Jane Haskell**

**Homework Club Advisor**

**Theresa Lawless**

**Homework Club Advisor**

**Jane Rosa**

**Intramural Instructor**

**Susan St. Gelais**

**Intramural Instructor**

**RODMAN SCHOOL**

**Maria Grace Cabral**

**Math Club Advisor**

**Mark Ledoux**

**Student Council Advisor**