**New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**Minutes**

I: Meeting was called to order by Fred Pearson, President at 3:30 p.m.

II: **Roll Call:**

Jodi Aurelio Present Thomas Nickerson Present

Chris Donnelly Present Steve Nowell Absent

Jacob O’Brien Present

Christopher Garcia Present Kady Plante Szady Present

Lynn Garnett Present Fred Pearson Present

Colin Green Present Kim Pearson Present

Charles Lapre Present Celia Rodriguez Absent

Amanda Gonzalez Present Ryan Saucier Present

Kathleen Mackenzie Present Karen Surprenant Present

Justin Mare Present Jennifer Thomas Present

Sara Mello Absent John “Jack” McCarthy Present

Lynn Drayton Absent Jessica Amaral Absent

Heidi Telles Present

* PRESENT – 19 EXCUSED – ABSENT – 5

**III Reports:**

* Motion to accept the Secretary’s minutes for April by Jacob O’Brien seconded by Jen Thomas. Motion passes.
* Motion to accept Treasurer’s report for April by Kathy Mackenzie; seconded by Chris Garcia. Motion passes.
* President’s calendar distributed. Motion to accept made by Jen Thomas; seconded by Ryan Saucier. Motion passes.
* Oral: Justin Mare updated the Board on the on the status of grievances.

IV: **Correspondence:** Fair Share Amendment Endorsement (Raise UP Mass)

Motion to survey the membership as to their willingness to have the Fair Share Amendment endorsed by the NBEA. Motion made by Colin Green; seconded by Kathy Mackenzie. Motion passes.

V: **Old Business:**

2021 Health and Welfare Auditor’s Report: Motion to accept the H and W auditor’s Report by Chris Garcia; seconded by Kady Plante-Szady. Motion Passes

VI: **New Business:**

* Gomes MOA: Motion made to enter Executive Session at 3:55 to discuss the Gomes MOA. Motion made by Jodi Aurelio; seconded by Chris Garcia. Motion passes.
* Motion to leave Executive session at 4:21 made by Colin Green; seconded by Katy Plante-Szady. Motion passes.
* Motion to bring the MOA to the Gomes membership made by Chris Garcia; seconded by Colin Green. Motion passes
* Motion to endorse the Gomes MOA made by Chris Garcia; seconded by Kady Plante-Szady. Motion passes
* Motion to accept the Election Committee Proposal for the 2021 Annual Election made by Kady Plante Szady; seconded by Ryan Saucier. Motion passes
* Motion to create a new Faculty rep. position at PRAB to serve the Unit A members based at PRAB made by Kathy Mackenzie; seconded by Kady Plante-Szady. Motion passes
* Motion to honor this year’s retirees in a similar fashion as to last year (a $25 check and letter from the NBEA) made by Heidi Telles; seconded by Justin Mare. Motion passes

VII: **Informational:**

* Board member Steve Farrell has taken a Unit B position. His position will remain open as it is up for election in May.
* Scholarship information/applications have been sent to the high school and are available on our website: nbeducators.org They will be collected from the High School on Friday May 7 at 3pm.
* The MTA Annual Meeting was held virtually on April 30 and May 1. The NEA Annual Meeting will be held from June 30-July 3 virtually. Self-nomination forms were due in this office on February 26th. We received 20 for the MTA and 5 for the NEA. Elections are not necessary for either as those that were nominated are less than the available delegate spots.

The delegates to the MTA Conference were :

Sarah Bol Callie Miller

Alexis Miranda

Christopher Garcia Thomas Nickerson

Colin Green Misti Nordstrom

Michael Gryss Jr. Fred Pearson

Aleijea Guzman Kim Pearson

Kristen Liming Ann-Marie Quaintance

Justin Mare James Roy

Lori R. Silveira

Jahnay Mendes Joseph Twomey

The delegates for the NEA Conference are:

Aleisea Guzman Callie Miller

Justin Mare Alexis Miranda

Jahnay Mendes

**Officers whose terms are expiring this year.**

**Fred Pearson**

**Tom Nickerson**

**Chuck Lapre**

**Amanda Gonzalez**

**Kim Pearson**

**Board Members whose terms are expiring this year**

**Steve Farrell**

**Kady Plante Szady**

**Colin Green**

**Jessica Amaral**

**John “Jack” McCarthy**

**Lynn Drayton**

**Celia Rodrigues**

* Member introduced bylaw amendment: The members will be notified next week of a proposed bylaw amendment “Ratification” put forth by Louise Mahoney from Swift to be presented at the annual meeting on May 26th.
* The next New Bedford School Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 5/10/2021. It will be held virtually and can be accessed through the District’s Facebook page.
* The next Health and Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 5/10/2021 from 3-4pm.
* **Employee Wellness**: The District is in the process of refining and further developing a wellness policy for the District. At this point they will be looking to engage staff as stakeholders in wellness planning initiatives via involvement in school based wellness committees and representation in a District Wellness Council.
* **New MTA Representative**: Eric Bauer is no longer our MTA rep. Kweku Nyinaku is our new representative. President Pearson will extend an invitation to him to join us at our June meeting.
* **Dissemination of Information:** As always, we encourage you to share the information you receive at these meetings with your constituents. Additionally, those of you who represent regions, please disseminate this information to the faculty reps in your region.
* **Licenses:** The district is no longer reminding members that their licenses have expired or are about to expire. The district is conducting audits of everyone’s licenses. Folks who are working with an expired license could face termination.

**Motion made by Chris Garcia to survey the staff as to their thoughts on 1 vote/1 person as it relates to the MTA. Seconded by Tom Nickerson. After discussion, Chris Garcia changes motion to table until next month. Seconded by Tom Nickerson. Motion passes**

VIII: **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 5:04 p.m. by Colin Green; seconded by Kathy Mackenzie . Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kim Pearson, Secretary/Treasurer