**New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**3:30 pm**

# **AGENDA**

## **Call to Order**

Jodi Aurelio E Thomas Nickerson P

Doria Bryant P Steve Nowell (E)

Chris Donnelly A Jacob O’Brien P

Lynn Drayton P Fred Pearson P

Chris Garcia P Kim Pearson (E)

Charles Lapre A Kady Plante-Szady (E)

Kristen Liming P Alexandria Rioux P

Jeffrey Longo P Ryan Saucier A

Kathleen Mackenzie P Karen Surprenant P

Justin Mare P Heidi Telles P

John McCarthy A Jennifer Thomas P

Sara Mello P Amanda Gonzalez P

## **Roll Call** Meeting to order at 3:36PM

1. **Reports:**
   1. **Written:** You Received the
      1. **Secretary’s minutes for January.**

Motion made by Jenn Thomas

Seconded by Lynn Drayton

Minutes were approved.

* + 1. **Treasurer’s report for January.**

Jeff Longo made the motion to approve the treasurer's report.

Seconded by Jacob O’Brien

Motion Passes to accept the treasurer’s report.

* + 1. **President’s calendar for January.**

Fred Pearson made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report for **January**

Seconded by \_\_\_\_Lynn Drayton

Motion Passes to accept the treasurer’s report.

* + 1. **Other**
  1. **Oral:**
     1. **Grievance –Chris Garcia updated Board on Grievances**
     2. **Negotiations - Updates on negotiations for Unit A CBA from Chris Garcia.**

## **Correspondence**

none

## **Old Business:**

**none**

## **New Business:**

Dias, Lapalme, and Martin have completed the NBEA Auditor's report. Copies of the report are available at the NBEA office. We encourage you to come to the office to review the report ahead of the March Board meeting.

(Motion to table the NBEA Auditor's Report)

Chris Garcia made the motion to table the NBEA Auditor's Report

Seconded by Jenn Thomas

Motion Passes to Table NBEA Auditors Report.

This year, the NBEA was able to raise $3500 for scholarships thanks to generous donations from Jim Stevens at Gifts to Give, Bristol County Savings Bank, and Dias, Lapalme and Martin.

Motion to tentatively approve 7 $500 NBEA Scholarships at a cost of $3500.00. (Gifts to Give will again award 1 Scholarship and Bristol County Savings Bank will award 5).

By Lynn Drayton

Second Jenn Thomas

Motion Passes to tentatively approve 7 $500 NBEA Scholarships at a cost of $3500.00.

Approved to offer 7 scholarships with the right to expand offering upon review of funding.

Motion made by Lynn Drayton

Seconded by Doria Bryant

Motion passes.

New Business: Chris Garcia spoke about membership, Mr. Garcia wishes to discuss our current status.

**Membership:** The NBEA continues to sign up new hires. This year, there were over 250 new hires eligible for membership, but over 50 remain unsigned. The need continues to reach all new hires and sign them up. Please take an active role in welcoming new hires and signing them up. The complexities instigated by the pandemic, including virtual orientation sessions for new hires, have led to more need this year than in past years, so ideas and assistance are appreciated. Currently, building reps are seeking out new hires to get them joined. Some are holding building meetings. Applications, a list of unsigned hires, and dues information were provided today, so I implore you all to help wherever you can.

## **Informational**

**School Committee Member** Ross Grace shared a message to NBEA members, which I posted to the website. A link was provided in the member memo as well. Mr. Grace is a former NBEA member, and we look forward to working with him in the years to come.

**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, should disseminate this information to the faculty reps in your regions.

**Licenses:** The district is no longer reminding members that their licenses have expired or are about to expire. They are conducting audits of everyone's licenses. Folks who are working with an expired license could face termination.

**Scholarship:** The Members of the NBEA Scholarship Committee are, Lynn Drayton who is the chair, Jenn Thomas and Paula Mahmoud. The NBEA will be awarding 7 scholarships this year. Including 1 from Gifts to Give, 1 from Dias Lapalme and Martin, and 5 from Bristol County Savings Bank. This number may increase based on the final amount of fundraising.

**NBEA Child (Clothing Drive):** Working with our community partners, the NBEA raised a total of $4000 to go towards clothing and personal items that our students need. The effort was spearheaded by our Supervisor of Nurses and Unit B Member Wanda Nunes who single-handedly completed the shopping. Clothing and personal items were divided by schools and need and disseminated to nurses at the January 24th professional development day for disbursement in their buildings. The write up and pictures were posted on the NBEA Website, a link shared in the member memo, and shared by NBPS on social media.

**Election Committee:** The NBEA Election Committee are Lynn Drayton, Chris Donnelley (Can't be a delegate or run for a board seat this year) I was recently notified by the third member that they would not be able to commit to the role. I will look to appoint a third person in the days to come. Also, I would like to speak to the current members at the conclusion of this meeting.

**MTA/NEA Annual Meetings:** The MTA Annual Meeting will be held on May 20 and 21, 2022 in Boston. The NEA Annual Meeting will be held from July 2 - July 6, 2022, location TBD. Self nomination forms are due in this office by 3:30PM on March 6.

**The next Macer Meeting, and Discipline and Health and Safety meeting will be on 3/1. First Vice President Garcia and Vice President Pearson along with President Nickerson will represent the membership at these meetings.**

## Adjournment

Motion made byChris Garcia

Seconded by Jacob O’Brien

Meeting adjourned at: 4:10pm