**New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, March 3, 2021**

**3:30 pm**

# **AGENDA**

## **Call to Order 3:32pm**

## **Roll Call** I’d like to call this meeting to order at \_\_\_\_

Jodi Aurelio P Thomas Nickerson P

Doria Bryant P Steve Nowell P

Chris Donnelly P Jacob O’Brien E

Lynn Drayton P Fred Pearson (E)

Chris Garcia P Kim Pearson (E)

Charles Lapre E Kady Plante- Szady P

Kristen Liming P Alexandria Rioux E

Jeffrey Longo P Ryan Saucier P

Kathleen Mackenzie P Karen Surprenant E

Justin Mare P Heidi Telles P

John McCarthy A Jennifer Thomas P

Sara Mello P Amanda Gonzalez E

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

Do I have a motion to accept the February minutes?

Motion made by Lynn Drayton

Do I have a second?

Seconded by Kathleen MacKennzie

So moved

You Received the

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

Do I have a motion to accept the treasurer’s report for **February**? \_\_

Sara Mello\_made the motion

Do I have a second?

Seconded Jennifer Thomas

Motion Passes to accept the treasurer’s report.

You Received the

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

* + 1. **Other**
  1. **Oral:**
     1. **Grievance – Christopher Garcia will update the Board on the status of grievances.**
     2. **Negotiations Update:**

**Christopher Garcia will provide updates on Unit A negotiations. (The Unit A team continues to meet to draft proposals. The first meeting with the district will take place on March 8th and will focus on ground rules only. Other dates will be established after the initial meeting.)**

**Jeff Longo will provide Unit B updates.**

* + 1. **PEC update: The next PEC meeting will take place on Monday March 14th. I will provide any updates at next month's meeting.**

## **Correspondence**

**none**

## **Old Business:**

2021 NBEA Auditor’s Report

Last month, the auditor's report was shared with the board. There was a motion to table to report until this month, allowing for copies to be made available at the Association office for review.

Now that time has been allotted for review of the report, is there a motion to accept the NBEA Auditor’s Report?

Motion by: Kady Plante-Szady

Second by: Jennifer Thomas

The motion passes.

Last month, the board voted to approve seven 500 dollar scholarships funded by contributions from Gifts to Give, Dias, Lapalme, and Martin, and Bristol county Savings bank. Past President Pearson made a point of clarification that additional funding was approved by the board the previous year because of difficulties the Association had with fundraising because of complications brought about by the pandemic. At that point, the board approved offering 7 scholarships with the right to expand offering upon review of funding.

After consulting with our Past presidents and Dias, Lapalme and Martin, I would like to propose adding an additional 13 Five Hundred Dollars Scholarships at a cost of $6500.00 to the NBEA, bringing the total number of scholarships offered by the Association to 20, matching the number of scholarships provided from years past.

Is there a Motion to approve an additional 13 Five Hundred Dollars Scholarships at a cost of $6500.00 to the NBEA:

Motion by Chris Garcia

Seconded by Kady Plante-Szady

## **New Business:**

As most of you will recall, the Health and Welfare fund generates monies that are used, in part to pat for personnel to maintain it and ancillary costs dedicated to operating it. The NBEA covers the initial outlay of costs, which are in turn, transferred from the Health and Welfare fund to cover said costs. This year, Dias, Lapalme and Martin calculated a transfer of $37,173 to the NBEA for annual support.

Is there a motion to transfer $37, 173 from the Health and Welfare fund to the NBEA for annual support?

Motion by: Chris Garcia

Second by: Ryan Saucier

The motion passes.

Compensation logs:

You have all received a copy of Christopher Garcia's Compensation Log for First Vice President

Is there a motion to accept Christopher Garcia's Compensation Log for First Vice President

Motion by: Kathleen MacKennzie

Second by: Heidi Telles

So Moved

You have all received a copy of Fred Pearson's Compensation Log for Unit A Vice President

Is there a motion to accept Fred Pearson's Compensation Log for Vice President Unit A

Motion by: Chris Garcia

Second by: Jodi Aurelio

So Moved

You have all received a copy of Jeff Longo's Compensation Log for Unit B Vice President

Is there a motion to accept Jeff Longo's Compensation Log for Vice President Unit B

Motion by: Kathleen MacKennzie

Second by: Sara Mello

So Moved

You have all received a copy of Kim Pearson's Compensation Log for Secretary/ Treasurer

Is there a motion to accept Kim Pearson's Compensation Log for Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by: Lynn Drayton

Second by: Kady Plante-Szady

So Moved

You have all received a copy of Christopher Garcia's Compensation Log for Grievance Chair

Is there a motion to accept Christopher Garcia's Compensation Log for Grievance Chair

Motion by: Heidi Telles

Second by: Kady Plante-Szady

So Moved

Motion to delay the Health and Welfare report until next month (April)

Motion by: Chris Garcia

Seconded by: Sara Mello

## **Informational**

* + **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. Employees who are working with an expired license could face termination.
  + 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 for the MTA and NEA annual elections are due in the NBEA office by 3:30 on Monday March 7th. Please make sure to submit hard copies of the nomination forms to the Association office. Copies were sent out, but if you are still in need of a hard copy, you can request one via email at nbeducators@yahoo.com, or print a copy from the NBEA website.
  + Macer/ Health &Safety / Discipline: The most recent meetings of these groups was attended by First Vice-President Garcia and Unit A Vice President Pearson. Discussions were informative, led by the Association's representatives who worked diligently to uncover issues across the district.

**Officer’s terms are expiring next year.**

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

**Kristen Liming**

**Justin Mare**

**Stephen Nowell**

**Alexandra Rioux**

**Jacob O'Brien**

**Jack McCarthy**

**Karen Surprenant**

**Sara Mello**

**Jenn Thomas**

**Kathleen MacKennzie**

**Amanda Gonzalez**

**MTA Vice President Max Page was scheduled to speak at the building representatives meeting on March 10th, but has a conflict. We will work to reschedule so he is able to speak to building representatives at an upcoming meeting, date to be announced, about the fair share amendment. I will also share the time, date, and location with the board in case you are interested in attending.**

## Adjournment

**Do I have a motion to adjourn?**

Motion made beJodie Aurelio

Seconded by Kristen Liming

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm