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**Thomas Anderson**  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
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## **REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.**

Keith Middle School, Steven De Rossi Community Room  
225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts

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# AGENDA

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Public Hearing and Vote on School Choice Participation for School Year 2023-2024. (The school choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in communities other than the city or town in which they reside. Tuition is paid by the sending district to the receiving district. Districts may elect not to enroll school choice students if no space is available.)

- Vote to OPEN the Public Hearing on School Choice Participation for the 2023-2024 School Year
- PUBLIC COMMENTS regarding School Choice
- Vote to CLOSE the Public Hearing on School Choice Participation for the 2023-2024 School Year open the regular meeting of the School Committee

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2023

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. The Development of a Professional Growth System
- B. Investigation of Thanksgiving Day Fight
- C. Superintendent FY24 Investment Priorities Presentation

### **5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

### **6. OTHER REPORTS**

- A. Finance & Operations Reports
- B. Personnel Report
- C. Sub-Committee Reports
- D. School Committee Reports

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**



## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote to Approve District School Year Calendars:
  - 1. District Calendar 2025-2026 DRAFT
- B. Vote to Approve School Committee Regular Meeting Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year
- C. Vote to Approve School Transportation Contract Renewals for the 2023-2024 school year.
- D. Superintendent Search Process
- E. Nominations for Interim Superintendent for the 2023 – 2024 school year.
- F. Vote to Approve the Establishment of Certain Positions:
  - 1. Professional Growth System Manager
  - 2. Chief of Schools
  - 3. Safety and Security Manager

## 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the following purposes:

- A. Per MGL 30A § 21 (a) 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
  - 1. Federation of Paraprofessionals
  - 2. AFSCME
  - 3. NBSSU
- B. Per MGL 30A § 21 (a) 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel:
  - 1. Special Education Director
  - 2. Deputy Superintendent
  - 3. Interim Superintendent

## 10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- A. Ratification vote in respect to contract negotiations with union personnel:
  - 1. AFSCME Contract
  - 2. NBSSU Contract

## 11. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: May 8, 2023

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### **NEW BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOALS**

- I. **High Quality Instruction:** Increase student achievement by strengthening teaching and learning.
- II. **Effective Student Support Systems:** Create an inclusive, culturally responsive learning environment.
- III. **Strong Family / Community Relationships:** Empower families and the community through collaboration.
- IV. **Organizational Team Excellence:** Cultivate and recruit a highly skilled workforce.
- V. **Public Confidence and Pride:** Implement effective strategies to raise the profile and reputation of NBPS.