

NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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REGULAR MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Keith Middle School, Steven De Rossi Community Room
225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent of Schools
Secretary, School Committee

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- Vote to OPEN the Public Hearing for the FY2024 NBPS District Budget
- PUBLIC COMMENT regarding FY2024 NBPS District Budget
- Vote to CLOSE the Public Hearing for the FY 2024 NBPS District Budget and Return to the Regular Meeting of the School Committee.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates

6. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

7. OTHER REPORTS

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of approval of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Three separate votes needed.
 1. Vote for FY2024 Net School Spending Budget Amount
 2. Vote for FY2024 Non-Net School Spending Amount
 3. Vote for Total Fiscal Year 2024 Budget



- B. Consideration and vote to approve the 2023 MASC Joint Conference Delegate for the annual conference November 7, 2023 through November 10, 2023.
- C. "Consideration and vote to approve the merger of the John B. DeValles Elementary School District and its pupil catchment area with that of the James B. Congdon Elementary School District to create a new elementary school district, said new district to accommodate up to 760 elementary school students to be housed in a new school building to be located on property situated immediately west of the present site of the John B. DeValles Elementary School and shown as Lot 158 on New Bedford Assessor's Map 23, or, should it not be feasible to so locate a new school building, then a new or renovated school building will be located on the John B. DeValles Elementary School site as existing or expanded northerly by acquisition of property shown as Lot 278 on New Bedford Assessor's Map 24, all in accordance with the findings and vote of the New Bedford School Building Committee at its meeting of April 11, 2023."

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law chapter 30A, section 21(a) for purpose (2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, specifically: Interim Superintendent of Schools, Interim Deputy Superintendent and Executive Director of Special Education.
 - 1. Consideration and vote on a one-year employment agreement with Andrew O'Leary to serve as the Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
 - 2. Consideration and vote on a one-year employment agreement with Darcie Aungst to serve as the Interim Deputy Superintendent effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
 - 3. Consideration and vote on an employment agreement with Paul Bottome to serve as Executive Director of Special Education effective July 1, 2023.
- B. Per MGL 30A § 21 (a) 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union and non-union personnel:
 - Federation of Paraprofessionals

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- A. Ratification vote in respect to contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel:
 - 1. Federation of Paraprofessionals Contract
 - 2. Consideration and vote on a one-year employment agreement with Andrew O'Leary to serve as the Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
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12. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: June 12, 2023

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