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Andrew O'Leary
Interim Superintendent of Schools
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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Keith Middle School, Steven De Rossi Community Room
225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates
- B. Beginning of Year Attendance Update
- C. Accountability Update
- D. Superintendent Goals

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

5. OTHER REPORTS

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of the second reading of the following policies to amend/adopt (Reviewed and approved by the Governance and Policy Sub-Committee and School Committee, first reading 2/13/23):
 - 1. FILE: KCD Public Gifts in Schools
 - 2. FILE: JIC Student Discipline
 - 3. FILE: JICA Student Dress
 - 4. FILE: AC Non-Discrimination Including Harassment and Retaliation
 - 5. FILE: GBA Equal Employment Opportunity
 - 6. FILE: JB Equal Educational Opportunities
 - 7. FILE: JFBB School Choice
 - 8. Policy Manual Section D Fiscal Management
 - a) FILE: DA Fiscal Management Goals
 - b) FILE: DB Annual Budget
 - c) FILE: DBB Fiscal Year
 - d) FILE: DBD Budget Planning
 - e) FILE: DBE/DBF Dissemination of Budget Recommendations, Hearings and Reviews
 - f) FILE: DBJ Budget Transfer Authority
 - g) FILE: DD Funding Proposals and Applications



- h) FILE: DH Bonded Employees and Officers
 - i) FILE: DI Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
 - j) FILE: DID Inventory Control Policy
 - k) FILE: DIE Audits
 - l) FILE: DJ Purchasing
 - m) FILE: DJA Purchasing Authority
 - n) FILE: DJE Bidding Requirements
 - o) FILE: DJGA Sales Calls and Demonstrations
 - p) FILE: DK Payment Procedures
 - q) FILE: DKA Payroll Procedures
 - r) FILE: DKC Expense Reimbursements
 - s) FILE: DN Management of Surplus Supplies
- B. Approval of Transfer Class of 2013 funds from New Bedford High School (NBHS) Student Activity Account to NBHS Principal Donation Account.
- C. Request for Approval of Out of District Travel:
1. Bretton Zinger, Teacher ELA, New Bedford High School, for approval of travel to the annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Conference. Conference on November 6, 2023 in New York, NY (no cost, Vice President of the Associations Advisor organization).
 2. Jeffrey Tatro, Transportation Supervisor, for approval to travel to site visit to IC Bus Manufacturing Facility, Tulsa, OK. Where the first New Bedford Public Schools electric school bus will be built. (approximate cost \$1,000)
 3. Thomas Tarpey, Athletic Director, for approval to travel to the National Athletic Directors Conference, Orlando, FL. Conference will be December 14, 2023 through December 19, 2023. President of the Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors Association (MSSADA) representing Massachusetts. (No cost to district MSSADA covers the cost)
 4. Dina Machado, Curriculum, Data and Assessment Manager, Special Education, for approval to travel to the Council for Exceptional Children Conference and Expo 2024. Conference will be held March 13, 2024 through March 16, 2024, San Antonio, TX (approximate cost \$3378)
 5. Erin Finnegan, Special Education Instruction Supervisor, Special Education, for approval to travel to the Council for Exceptional Children Conference and Expo 2024. Conference will be held March 13, 2024 through March 16, 2024, San Antonio, TX (approximate cost \$3378)
 6. Elizabeth Camara, Special Education Supervisor, NBHS, for approval to travel to Ukeru Conference and Training. Conference will be held November 7, 2023 through November 8, 2023, Winchester, VA (approximate cost \$1,620.92)
 7. Mario Pimental, Special Education Supervisor, NBHS, for approval to travel to Ukeru Conference and Training. Conference will be held November 7, 2023 through November 8, 2023, Winchester, VA (approximate cost \$1,620.92)
 8. Julie Miller, ESL Curriculum, Data & Assessment Manager, EAP, for approval to travel to the 2023 Internationals Network Conference. Conference being held November 6, 2023 through November 7, 2023, Long Island City, NY (approximate cost \$1,582.50)
 9. Sean McNulty, Content Instruction Leader, NBHS, for approval to travel to the 2023 Internationals Network Conference. Conference being held November 6, 2023 through November 7, 2023, Long Island City, NY (approximate cost \$1,582.50)
 10. Trina Camarao, Elementary Chief Academic, OSP, for approval to travel to the 2023 Internationals Network Conference. Conference being held November 6, 2023 through November 7, 2023, Long Island City, NY (approximate cost \$1,582.50)



11. Laura Garcia, Curriculum, Data & Assessment Manager, OSP, for approval to travel to the 2023 Internationals Network Conference. Conference being held November 6, 2023 through November 7, 2023, Long Island City, NY (approximate cost \$1,582.50)

D. Discussion concerning Student Representative proposed bills S.287 and H.474 “An Act Relative to Student Representative Voting Rights” filed.

E. Discussion of 2023-2024 School Committee norms developed during the July 2023 School Committee Retreat.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the following purposes:

- A. Motion and vote to meet in executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 30A, section 21(a), for the following purposes:
- Purpose (2): to conduct collective bargaining with the New Bedford Educators Association (NBEA) Unit A, specifically to hear two grievances from the NBEA Unit A; and
 - Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the NBEA Unit A, specifically the grievances from the NBEA Unit A; and
 - Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and a potential settlement of Langan vs. City of New Bedford DIA #37098-22; and
 - Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
 1. NBEA Unit A and Unit B

9. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023

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