

**New Bedford Educators Association, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2023**  
**3:30 pm**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call** Meeting to order at 3:43 pm

Jodi Aurelio P	Thomas Nickerson P
Doria Bryant P	Jessica Amaral P
Chris Donnelly E	Jacob O'Brien P
Lynn Drayton P	Fred Pearson P
Chris Garcia P	Kim Pearson P
Charles Lapre E	Kady Plante- Szady P
Jeffrey Longo E	Ryan Saucier P
Justin Mare P	Heidi Telles
Victoria Jones E	Jared Varao P
Sara Mello P	Trisha Hoover E
Meghan Carr E	Michelle Campos P

**III. Reports:**

**a. Written:**

**i. Secretary's minutes for March.**

Motion made to amend the minutes to reflect Michelle Campos as present made by Justin Mare.

Seconded by Ryan Saucier

Motion to accept amended minutes made by Jacob O'Brien

Seconded by Kady Plante-Szady

Motion Passed

**ii. Treasurer's report for March.**

Motion to accept the treasurer's report for March made by Justin Mare

Seconded by Jacob O'Brien

Motion Passes to accept the treasurer's report.

iii. President's calendar for March.

iv. Other

b. Oral:

- i. Grievance – Chris Garcia updated the Board on the status of grievances.
- ii. Negotiations Update – Pre-K MOA is in MTA's possession and will be reviewed next week. The District has asked the Association to elaborate on the Renaissance MOU. The Unit B consolidated agreement has been reviewed by me, revised by the MTA, and we will be sending it to the District next week.

IV. **Correspondence**

We have received correspondence from Executive Board member Heidi Telles. She has resigned from her position on the board and I have accepted the resignation. As her resignation was submitted after the 2023 annual election information was sent out as dictated by our by-laws, the position will be appointed by the president and will be on the ballot in May of 2024.

V. **Old Business:**

February 2023 Minutes revised-

Motion to accept said minutes made by Ryan Saucier

Seconded by Michelle Campos

Motion Passed

VI. **New Business:**

Review of the 2023-24 NBEA Proposed Budget

Motion to approve the 2023-24 NBEA Annual Budget made by Sara Mello

Second by Kady Plante-Szady

Motion Passed

## **VII. Informational**

Reminder: The NBEA will hold an all-members meeting on Tuesday. Topics for the meeting will include: The DOJ Settlement Agreement, impact bargaining related to it, and building capacity in the Association. Information will be sent out to help ensure that all members have the information shared.

Reminder: The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, May, 24th immediately following the Annual meeting.

The MTA Annual Meeting will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. The NEA Annual Meeting will be held from July 2 - July 6, 2019 in Orlando Florida. Self nomination forms were due in this office on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Christopher Garcia, Cameron Costa, Victoria Jones, Kayla Pineau, Doria Bryant, Sarah Bol, Colin Green, Penelope Jennewein, Stephanie Biela, Milagros Rodriguez, and Thomas Nickerson will be our delegates at the MTA annual meeting in May. We have one delegate for the NEA Annual Meeting, Kayla Pineau. No election is necessary.

NBEA election materials were sent to the membership during the 4th week of March.

### **Officers whose terms are expiring this year.**

**Thomas Nickerson  
Chris Garcia  
Fred Pearson  
Jeff Longo  
Kim Pearson**

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

**Megan Carr  
Chris Donnelly  
Trish Hoover  
Jodie Aurelio  
Heidi Telles  
Victoria Jones  
Lynn Drayton  
Jared Varao  
Ryan Saucier  
Sara Mello**



The PEC has met several times recently to discuss the city's efforts to offer dental to employees. There have been several meetings due to the manner in which the city has handled this matter, ranging from a city councilor's efforts to reinvigorate this movement, to breaches of protocol by neglecting the process of seeking multiple bids, to a plan that has limited dentists attached to it. The PEC will be attending the April 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to advocate in the best interests of our members.

President Nickerson has also been invited to a city council meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the viability of the addition of an executive director position focused on public safety within the city's schools.

Christopher Garcia updated the Board with information about the Committee for Leadership, membership, and Building Capacity. Meetings are scheduled for later this month with plans to share ideas with the board for approval at the May and/or June meetings.

#### VIII. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn** made by **Lynn Drayton**

Seconded by Jodie Aurelio

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm