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*Interim Superintendent of Schools*  
*Secretary, School Committee*

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, January 8, 2024 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**

- A. Election: Vice Chairperson for 2024
- B. Election: 2024 School Committee Designee for Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative (SMEC)
- C. Election: 2024 School Committee Designee for People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE)

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

- Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2023

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. General Updates
- B. Spotlight: Athletics
- C. ESSER Plan Update
- D. Budget Planning

### **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. Discussion and Vote to approve Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative (SMEC) submission of a new public day school application to open an intensive Early Childhood Program at the building located at 4238 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford.
- B. Consideration of the first reading of the following policies affected by the Massachusetts Association of School Committee's (MASC) Updated Policy Manual:  
POLICIES ADDED, REMOVED, or for REVIEW
  - 1. FILE: EFE Civil Rights Complaint Policy for Child Nutrition Programs
  - 2. FILE: IGA/IGD Curriculum Development and Adoption
  - 3. FILE: IMGA Service Animals in Schools
  - 4. FILE: IE Organization of Instruction
  - 5. FILE: IGD Curriculum Adoption



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| 6. FILE: IHAI     | Occupational Education   |
| 7. FILE: IHBG-R   | Home Schooling   |
| 8. FILE: IHBHE-E  | Remote Learning Addendum   |
| 9. FILE: IL       | Evaluation of Instructional Programs   |
| 10. FILE: IMA     | Teaching Activities/Presentations  |
| 11. FILE: BEDH    | Public Comment at School Committee Meetings  |
| 12. FILE: CHA/CHC | Development and Dissemination of Procedures  |
| 13. FILE: IGB     | Student Services Programs  |
| 14. FILE: IHAMA   | Parental Notification Relative to Sex Education  |
| 15. FILE: IHBA    | Student Services Program   |
| 16. FILE: IHBD    | Compensatory Education   |
| 17. FILE: IHBF    | Homebound Instruction  |
| 18. FILE: IHBG    | Home Schooling   |
| 19. FILE: IHBH    | Alternative School Programs  |
| 20. FILE: IHBHE   | Remote Learning  |
| 21. FILE: IJ      | Instructional Materials  |
| 22. FILE: IJ-R    | Reconsideration of Instructional Resources   |
| 23. FILE: IJL     | Library Materials Selection and Adoption   |
| 24. FILE: IJOA    | Field Trips  |
| 25. FILE: IKAB    | Student Progress Report to Parents/Guardians   |
| 26. FILE: IKF     | Graduation Requirements  |
| 27. FILE: ILD     | Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research   |
| 28. FILE: IMB     | Teaching about Controversial Issues/Controversial Speakers   |
| 29. FILE: IMG     | Animals in Schools   |
| 30. FILE: JIC     | Student Discipline   |
| 31. FILE: DJ      | Purchasing (in light of Chapter 198 of the Acts 2022 and the Office of the Inspector General's updated 30B Manual)               |
| 32. FILE: DJA     | Purchasing Authority (in light of Chapter 198 of the Acts 2022 and the Office of the Inspector General's updated 30B Manual)     |
| 33. FILE: DJE     | Procurement Requirements (in light of Chapter 198 of the Acts 2022 and the Office of the Inspector General's updated 30B Manual) |

C. Vote to Authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Forms dated March 1, 2024 for the following schools:

1. Carlos Pacheco Elementary School located at 261 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA
2. Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School located at 455 County St., New Bedford, MA
3. Trinity Day Academy located at 181 Hillman St., New Bedford, MA
4. Ellen R. Hathaway Elementary School located at 256 Court St., New Bedford, MA
5. Casimir Pulaski Elementary School located at 1097 Braley Rd., New Bedford, MA
6. Elwyn G. Campbell Elementary School located at 145 Essex St., New Bedford, MA
7. Hayden McFadden Elementary School located at 361 Cedar Grove St., New Bedford, MA
8. Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School located at 286 South Second St., New Bedford, MA
9. Sgt. William Carney Academy Elementary School located at 247 Elm St., New Bedford, MA
10. Betsey B. Winslow Elementary School located at 561 Allen St., New Bedford, MA

D. Superintendent Transition

**9. 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:
  - o Purpose (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
    - 1. New Bedford Educators Association - New Bedford High School Memorandum of Agreement
    - 2. New Bedford Federation of Paraprofessional - Memorandum of Agreement

**10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- A. Ratification vote in respect to contract bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
  - 1. New Bedford Federation of Paraprofessional – Memorandum of Agreement

**11. ADJOURN**

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024

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