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**Andrew O'Leary**  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
*Secretary, School Committee*

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 12, 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**

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

- Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2024

### **4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. General Updates
- B. Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School
- C. Dual Language Education Program

### **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. Consideration and vote of approval to revise the school days for the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar
- B. Discussion and vote of approval for the proposed Lead Teacher and Coach position.
- C. Request for Out of State Travel (administrator/staff)
  - 1. Susana Mattos, Grants Manager, Office of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NAFEP Conference. Conference runs from March 17, 2024 through March 20, 2024 in Washington DC (approximate cost \$2,485.00: 305 Title 1 Grant)
  - 2. Marilia Correia, CDAM World Language, Office of Educational Access & Pathways, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$1,076.00: PBL Grant)
  - 3. Cristina Goncalves, Teacher - World Language, New Bedford High School, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$466.00: PBL Grant)



4. Sonia Lopes, Teacher – World Language, New Bedford High School, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$466.00: PBL Grant)
  5. Ellen Marshall, Teacher - World Language, New Bedford High School, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$872.00: PBL Grant)
  6. Jesus Jonai Rodriguez Perez, Teacher - World Language, Keith Middle School, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$1,076.00: PBL Grant)
  7. Oihane Gamboa Azpiazu, Teacher - World Language, Keith Middle School, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$1,076.00: PBL Grant)
  8. Milagros Rodriguez, Teacher - World Language, New Bedford High School, request for approval of travel to the 2024 NECTFL Conference. Conference runs from February 22, 2024 through February 24, 2024 in New York, NY (approximate cost \$1,076.00: PBL Grant)
  9. Sonia Walmsley, Executive Director, Office of Educational Access & Pathways, request for approval of travel to the 2024 Spain Ministry of Education Madrid-Visiting Teachers from Spain Recruitment Conference. Conference runs from April 15, 2024 through April 21, 2024 in Madrid, Spain (approximate cost \$1,500.00 (for Travel (Local), Hotel & Meals paid by Spain Ministry of Education)
  10. Bretton Zinger, ELA Teacher, New Bedford High School, request for approval to travel to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference running from March 13, 2024 through March 15, 2024 in New York, NY. (no cost)
- D. Request for Out of State Field Trips (administrator/staff/students)
1. Paul Jasinski, Head Track Coach, New Bedford High School (NBHS), request for approval to travel with two NBHS students and three chaperones to The Armory Track. Field trip runs from March 7, 2024 through March 9, 2024 in New York, NY (no cost).
- E. Discussion of the State Graduation Requirement, “Thrive Act”

## 9. TABLED BUSINESS

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

## 10. 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:
  1. Negotiation with Non-Union Personnel, specifically the positions of Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent.
  2. 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
  3. Purpose (3): to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the NBEA Unit A, specifically the grievances from the NBEA Unit A



**11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

- A. Ratification vote Superintendent Contract with Mr. Andrew O’Leary, Interim Superintendent
- B. Ratification Vote Deputy Superintendent Contract with Ms. Darcie Aungst, Interim Deputy Superintendent

**12. ADJOURN**

**Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024**

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