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**NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
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**Andrew O'Leary**  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
*Secretary, School Committee*

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, March 11, 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. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. General Updates
- B. FY25 Budget
- C. Program Updates

### **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. TABLED BUSINESS**

- A. Assignment of School Committee members to the following Sub-Committee's: Finance & Operations, Governance & Policy, Academic Achievement.

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration and vote to approve the revised graduation credit requirements for the Whaling City Jr./Sr. High School.
- B. Consideration and vote to approve the expansion of the Dual Language Education Program.
- C. Vote to Approve School Committee Regular Meeting Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year.
- D. Consideration and vote to authorize the Finance and Operations Sub-Committee to begin the process for naming the new elementary school, replacing the James B. Congdon and John B. DeValles Elementary Schools, to be located on the Good Year site.
- E. Request for Out of State Travel (administrator/staff)



1. William Conard, Principal, Roosevelt Middle School, request for approval of travel to the FLIBS Head of School Conference. Conference runs from May 5, 2024 through May 8, 2024 in St. Petersburg, FL (approximate cost \$1,965.00, mileage TBD local budget).
2. Erika Linehan, Art Teacher, John Avery Parker Elementary School, request for approval of travel to the National Art Education Conference. Conference runs from April 4, 2024 through April 7, 2024 in Washington DC (approximate cost \$165.00 hotel and travel paid by UMass).

#### 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:
  1. Purpose (4): to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto:
    - a. Safety and Security

#### 10. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024

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