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Superintendent of Schools
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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2025 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

- A. Election: Vice Chairperson for 2025
- B. Election: 2025 School Committee Designee for Southeastern Massachusetts Education Collaborative (SMEC)
- C. Election: 2025 School Committee Designee for People Acting in Community Endeavors (PACE)

3. MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2025

4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates
- B. Distraction Free Learning Environments – Yondr Pouches
- C. New Bedford High School Updates
- D. Graduation Requirement: Competency Determination

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 for the NBPS Competency Determination
- B. Request for Out of State Travel (administrator/staff/student trips):
 - 1. Dr. Sonia Walmsley, Executive Director, Educational Access & Pathways, request for approval to travel to Spain Ministry of Education Madrid Visiting Teachers from Spain Recruitment. Recruitment to be held March 31, 2025 through April 5, 2025 in Madrid, Spain (Approximate cost \$1,695.00 local)
 - 2. Susana Mattos, Grants Manager, Supplemental Services, request for approval to travel to the 2025 NAFEP Conference. Conference to be held in Washington, DC from March 16, 2025 through March 19, 2025. (Approximate cost \$2,122.00 Title 1)



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 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and negotiations with union personnel:
 - a. New Bedford Educator's Association (NBEA) – Unit A John A. Parker Elementary School Updates
 - b. NBEA Unit A
 - c. Federation of Paraprofessionals

10. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025

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