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Andrew O'Leary
Superintendent of Schools
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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 6, 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

3. MINUTES

- Regular Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2025
- Regular Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2025

4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates
- B. Early Literacy & PRISM Grant

5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

6. OTHER REPORTS

- A. Finance & Operations Reports
- B. Personnel Reports
- C. Sub-Committee Reports
- D. School Committee Reports

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vote to establish a Non-Resident Tuition Revolving Fund in accordance with MGL Chapter 71, Section 71F
- B. Consideration and vote of the first reading of the following policies affected by the Massachusetts Association of School Committee's (MASC) Updated Policy Manual:

POLICIES ADDED, REMOVED, REVIEWED and/or UPDATED

- 1. FILE: AC Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliation
- 2. FILE: ACA Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Sex
- 3. FILE: ACAB Sex and Sex-Based Harassment and Retaliation
- 4. FILE: JF School Admissions
- 5. FILE: JIC Student Discipline



C. Request for Out of State Travel/Field Studies (students/administrator/staff)

1. Bretton Zinger, Teacher, New Bedford High School (NBHS), with three NBHS Students and one Chaperone, request to approve travel to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference for professional development and field study. The conference will be held November 2, 2025 through November 3, 2025 at Columbia University in New York, NY (Approximate cost: student fees, no students excluded - funds to support)
2. Julie Mador, Registrar/McKinney-Vento Liaison, Family Registration Center, request to approve travel to the National Association for the Educational of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) 2025. The conference will be held November 1, 2025 through November 4, 2025 in Dallas, TX (Approximate cost \$2,195 McKinney-Vento Grant)

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:
 - New Bedford Educator's Association (NBEA) - Unit B

10. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, November 10, 2025

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