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Superintendent of Schools
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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 8, 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

- Remembrance

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. General Updates
- B. Competency Determination

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

5. OTHER REPORTS

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for Out of State Travel/Field Studies (students/administrator/staff):
 1. Zachary O'Brien, Math Teacher, New Bedford High School (NBHS), requests approval of travel to the 2026 AP Precalculus/AP Reading Professional Development. The professional development will take place in Louisville, KY from June 9th through 18th, 2026. (approximate cost \$0).
 2. Meghan Silvia, Teacher, NBHS, requests approval for 2 chaperones and 4 students to attend the Academic Bowl at the Delaware School for the Deaf in Newark, DE. The Academic Bowl will be held February 19th through 22nd, 2026 (approximate cost \$2,100 local, meals provided by School for the Deaf.)
 3. Thomas Aungst, Secondary Music Teacher, PRAB, requests approval to travel to the Mississippi Band Masters Conference. The conference takes place on December 11 and 12, 2025 in Jackson, MS. (approximate cost \$0)



- B. School Committee Member Recognition
- C. School Committee Member Vacancy Process per NBPS Policy, FILE: BBBC/BBBD/BBBE – School Committee Resignation/Removal from Office/Unexpired Term Fulfillment

8. 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 - Unit B
 - New Bedford Support Specialist Union (NBSSU)

9. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2025

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