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**NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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**REVISED 3.4.2026**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

Keith Middle School, Steven De Rossi Community Room  
225 Hathaway Blvd., New Bedford, Massachusetts

**Andrew O'Leary**

*Superintendent of Schools  
Secretary, School Committee*

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# AGENDA

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026

**4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- A. General Updates
- B. FY 2027 Budget

**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. Vote of approval for the new tuition contract with the New Bedford Public Schools and Acushnet Public Schools.
- B. Request approval for Out of State Conferences/Out of School Time Field Studies: (students/administrator/staff)
  - 1. Hannah Clougherty, NBHS Teacher, Social Studies, requests permission to travel with 6 students and a chaperone to the Washington DC National Honor Society Tour Trip with Hummingbird Student Tours. The tour will be held April 19 – April 22, 2026, in Washington, DC. (approximate cost \$1,630 Student Activities Fund).
  - 2. Rick Huston, Teacher, Academy of Health and Sciences, requests permission to travel with 25-30 students and 5-7 chaperones to the Great Outdoor Club Camping, Zip-lining and Rafting Adventure. The adventure will be held May 23-24, 2026, in Charlemont, MA (approximate cost \$250 without fundraising, student/parent).
  - 3. Michael Rayner, CDAM – Fine Arts, requests permission to travel to the WGI Percussion/Winds World Championships. The championship will be held April 14-19, 2026, in Dayton Ohio. (approximate cost \$500 local budget)

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4. Thomas Aungst, System-wide Music Teacher, requests permission to travel to the WGI Percussion/Winds World Championships. The championship will be held April 14-19, 2026, in Dayton Ohio. (approximate cost \$925.49 local budget/seeking reimbursement)
- C. Vote of approval for School Committee member Vonmarie Moniz to participate on the Academic Achievement Sub-Committee for 2026.

### 9. ADJOURN

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026

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