

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEW BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT: MAYOR LANG, MRS. USSACH, MS. POLLOCK, DR. FLETCHER, DR. FINNERTY, ATTY. CLARK
ABSENT: MR. NOBREGA
IN ATTENDANCE: DR. FRANCIS, MRS. LARKIN, MS. COSTA, MRS. DALY, DR. CARRIGO, MRS. BROWN,
MRS. MOURAO (Recording secretary)

Student Representative, Justin Braga, was also in attendance at this meeting.

Superintendent Francis introduced Dr. Mohler-Faria, President of Bridgewater State University (BSU). Dr. Mohler-Faria spoke of a new Mentoring/Induction program he would like to collaborate with New Bedford Public Schools. This program would provide BSU students the ability to intern in classrooms and other departments where they could be of assistance and/or to come back as mentors at New Bedford High School. Dr. Mohler-Faria also spoke about a summer camp program (ACE Camp) for our youth that would involve 300 students from Roosevelt Middle School to serve the communities of southeastern Massachusetts. He would also like to see these students involved with the Aviation Camp through BSU.

School Committee Members expressed their support of this partnership with Bridgewater State University.

Superintendent Francis updated the Committee on the revised Theory of Action.

Dr. Fletcher would like to see more meetings of the School Committee every month. He indicated that one meeting could be dedicated to agenda items and another could be designated for curriculum updates and discussions with the Central Office Leadership Team.

Ms. Pollock expressed concern for the class size information that was distributed at the previous meeting. Dr. Francis indicated she would have this information updated for distribution at the next meeting.

Several other members of the School Committee gave their reports at this time.

Mayor Lang informed the Committee that the American Legion Baseball Tournament that was hosted by New Bedford at the Paul Walsh Field brought in \$1,000 this past year. He indicated that if the Committee agreed to host again, that it would bring in another \$1,000. In addition, the State Tournament would also be held in New Bedford in 2012. This tournament would consist of fifteen games and would bring in an additional \$1,000 for every game and we would also receive 50% of the concession profits for Post 1.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, on a motion by Dr. Finnerty and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, to allow the American Legion Baseball Tournament as well as the Massachusetts American State Baseball Tournament to use the Paul Walsh Field beginning in August 2012.

At 8:53 P.M., on a motion by Mrs. Ussach and seconded by Dr. Fletcher, the Committee VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the special meeting.

Submitted by,



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Superintendent,
Secretary/School Committee
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